



# General Meeting Minutes

## June 16, 2016

La Crescenta Library Community Room 7:00 pm

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*Welcome to the monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.*

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1. Call to Order & Welcome 7:05 p.m.
2. Flag Salute, Harry Leon
3. Invocation, Fr Ghevont Kirazian
4. Roll Call, Cheryl Davis - Present: Dickson, Leon, Davis, Rabinov, Griffin, Barnes Claessens, Ear, Stupakis. Not: Present: Suh, Ordubegian, Beatty
5. Approval of May Minutes – **Motion to approve by Stupakis, seconded by Ear. Approved.**
6. Approval of June Agenda – **Motion to approve by Rabinov, seconded by Leon. Approved.**
7. President’s Remarks – There are several Public Works projects including a lighting district on La Crescenta and the Two Strike Trail Project. Updates will be on our website, [www.thecvcouncil.com](http://www.thecvcouncil.com) or in the CV Weekly.
8. Recognize outgoing Youth Town Council – The current Council started the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow at the Montrose Harvest Market, participated in the Montrose Christmas Parade and volunteered working on Rose Parade Floats.
9. Recognize Don Norbut for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 27<sup>th</sup>! Don is a wonderful friend of the Town Council and was a brewer with Anheiser Busch and Budweiser for a total of 35 years. Happy birthday and thank you for being a Town Council supporter Don!

Land Use Presentation, Paul Rabinov –Presented a letter from the Land Use Committee for Foothill Blvd. beautifications. The LUC recommends the Town Council submit a letter to Supervisor Antonovich for a comprehensive Foothill Blvd. Improvement Plan

Foothill “Suburban Corridor” Boulevard improvement Plan from Pennsylvania to Briggs Avenue

Unincorporated La Crescenta finds itself as a link between the cities, La Canada to the east and Glendale to the west and south while Foothill Boulevard serves as an important thoroughfare bridging our communities with all modes of travel. We were informed that

the City of Glendale will be implementing improvements identified in their North Glendale Community Plan District Area 1 Crescenta highlands that will incorporate “complete streets” improvements along Pennsylvania Blvd. between Honolulu Avenue to Foothill Blvd. Also, the City of La Canada that will install landscape medians and a dedicated bikeway from the 210 freeway going west to the Ross for Less store by 2017.

The recommendation is to submit a letter requesting the County Supervisor’s office to implement a comprehensive study and a design plan that will address improving the streetscape of Foothill Blvd to complement the work underway by the Cities of Glendale and La Canada.

The study and plan shall consider the following infrastructure and project elements that will benefit all users:

1. Streetscape enhancements within the right - of - way: (a) curb extensions (bulb-outs) with parkway landscaping and widened sidewalks and added pedestrian scale lighting, (b) landscaping with drainage bio-swales or biofiltration system where possible along existing sidewalks, parklets and medians, (c) limited, raised landscaped center medians at major intersection points with suggested pedestrian refuge section , (d) studying the applicability of installing mid-block crosswalks along Foothill Blvd, to improve pedestrian connectivity to businesses and shopping, (e) Enhance bus stop amenities where possible, including shelters and /or shaded waiting areas, landscaping, benches and trash cans and (f) Provide street activation crosswalks for cyclists.
2. Street tree planting, sidewalk widening and replacement trees with any future development site or street improvement projects along Foothill Boulevard.
3. Initiate a traffic circulation study to redesign the pedestrian crossing at Cloud Avenue on Foothill Boulevard and Glenwood Avenue intersection adjacent to transit stops and other areas as deemed necessary.
4. Investigate funding and timeline to have remaining billboards along Foothill Blvd. removed.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that this board: Submit a letter to Supervisor Antonovich’s office to proceed with Streetscape plan for Foothill Blvd.

10. Two Strike Park Trail Project – going back to the drawing board. They will come back to the Town Council when they have plans.
11. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
  - a. Foothill Municipal Water District, Nina Jazmadarian – (See attached handout of PowerPoint Presentation.)
  - b. CVWD –Three projects have been completed and the 4<sup>th</sup> is under construction and will be completed by the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show. They are going through the

final stages of their fiscal cycle. Next Tue 6/21, 6:30 p.m. at the CVWD office is a hearing on water and sewer rate increases.

- c. CHP Officer Cooper
- May Statistics: 9 traffic collisions, 2 DUI and 6 citations. This Saturday is the Explorer workshop at Altadena 10:00 a.m. for ages 15-19. 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks traffic will be redirected because Ramsdell will be closed.
  - Monte Vista summer school – first few days were a little rough but it's better now. Complaint on Prospect regarding summer school traffic on the west side of school heading toward Pennsylvania. CHP will try to get the radar trailer out there next week.
- d. Sheriff Capt. Song – Introduced Deputy Alex Covian, Community Deputy while Sgt. Gonzalez is on a leave. Statistics for May: Part 1 crimes are up 5 from April. Part 1 crimes: 2 Robberies (one on a public street and one business); 3 residential burglaries (2 forced entry through rear sliders, 1 not forced and suspect known). Larceny theft 10 (1 vehicle, 1 unlocked, 2 shoplifting & 6 miscellaneous thefts). 2 grand theft auto (1 car was recovered and 1 outstanding). 7 Vandalism (1 was rocks being thrown & there were a few etching).
- e. LA County Fire, Stephanie English – May Statistic: 58 responses in La Crescenta. 1 special outside fire, 3 hazardous no fire, 1 service call, 4 good intent calls, and 11 false alarms. 2 medical calls regarding chest pain, one was a full cardiac arrest. (Go to the Division III Facebook page to see a video on chest compressions.) 1 snake call – The new protocol is to circle the bite area every 15 minutes and write the time, do not tourniquet, keep area flat & level if possible and call 911. 4<sup>th</sup> of July – recommendation is to go to a local fireworks show. This weekend will be hot – don't hesitate to call 911 for an emergency. See the Ready, Set, Go guide to be prepared for fire, heat, and emergencies.
- f. GUSD, Dr. Maria Gandra introduced Dr. Winfred & Yvette Roberson – “Start with the People.” GUSD serves the students and families in the Crescenta Valley so the partnership is important. Summer school is going on. This week he's been working with all the Principals and meeting at Clark Magnet School to prepare for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. The theme for this year is “Building a Culture of Care, Trust & Inquiry.” Comment that sometimes the school district is not a great communicator with the community and a request to please be sensitive to communication with all stakeholders.
- g. CERT / American Red Cross – Maywood junkyard fire involving magnesium - Red Cross is asking for volunteers for shelter ops for 300+ residents. Orlando nightclub shooting - CERT teaches us about terrorism. We have to be ready and CERT teaches you to be ready. Remember to “Hide, Run, Fight” in the event of an active shooter. CERT will now train the 60 top individuals at the American Red Cross. People need to prepare, look at the current Santa Barbara fire.

~~h. Prom Plus/Firehouse – Not present~~

i. 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, Mike Baldwin – This year it will be at CVHS due to construction at La Crescenta Elementary. People will be seated on the track looking north. Gates open at 4:00 p.m., live bands, and the food trucks will be on Ramsdell, Enter the show via the gates by the track on Ramsdell. Tickets are on sale for \$7 now or \$10 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Children 7 and under free. Tickets are available at the CV Chamber, Bob Smith Toyota, the CV Weekly, and J's Maintenance.

j. American Legion, Gerry Collins – 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Armed Forces Tribute was May 21 at CV Park. They raised \$5,000 and netted \$4,000. Next year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>. BINGO will be on Aug 19 at Healy Hall.

~~k. CV Ready – Not present~~

l. Library, Marta Wiggins – Quoted Muhammed Ali, “Service is the rent we pay for our room in life.” This summer the library has children, teen, and adult reading programs. Upcoming is an event featuring Japanese Okonomiyaki or Japanese style pancakes. This Saturday, June 17, 1:00-4:00 p.m. is “Daddy Dog Day” for Father’s Day with free hot dogs. There will be building stuff including Steam Student Kits featuring “The Launchers.” It celebrates fathers, mothers who are fathers or anyone who has a father. Thanks to several donations of 1,000 piece puzzles, the Library is on the 4<sup>th</sup> puzzle where people who don’t know each other are working together to do them!

## 12. Public Comments

*Public Comments and Community Announcements: This is for non-agenda items only. Please submit a speaker card to the President or Vice President. Speakers are allowed 2 minutes. Council may ask questions or respond to the speaker but there will be no debate or decision. The President may refer the matter to the appropriate committee for investigation and report.*

a. Dana Stengel – VP on Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council outreach. Excited about doing things together with the CVTC. STNC is presenting a pet CPR at Sunland Foursquare Church 9a-1pm Saturday June 17. Monday June 20, there is a Native CA Wildlife Seminar for 10 weeks \$15/class. July 17 there is a Rattlesnake Aversion training for dogs. There will be an upcoming Summerfest.

b. Krystee Clark – President of STNC. Please come to their meetings on the second Wednesday each month at the Elks Lodge on Commerce. [www.STNC.org](http://www.STNC.org) There a question and discussion asking if LA City has any funding for the VHGC because the funds Supervisor Antonovich set aside will no longer be available after he leaves office this November.

## 13. Council Business

a. Treasurer Report, Treasurer Desiree Rabinov – **Motion to approve by Claessens, seconded by Stupakis. Approved.**

14. President Dickson just received an email from Abel at CV Park– The opening of the skate park will be in July.
15. Adjourn 8:19 PM