



# General Meeting Minutes

## July 21, 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 pm
2. Flag Salute, Charlie Ward, Troop 288
3. Invocation, Pastor Mark Yeager
4. Roll Call, Cheryl Davis - Present: Dickson, Leon, Davis, Rabinov, Griffin, Barnes Claessens, Suh, Ordubegian, Stupakis. Not: Present: Ear, Beatty
5. Approval of June Minutes – **Motion to approve by Desiree Rabinov, seconded by Jo Ann Stupakis. Approved**
6. Approval of July Agenda – **Motion to approve by Desiree Rabinov, seconded by Jo Ann Stupakis. Approved**
7. Land Use Presentation, Ines Chessum
  - a. Foothill portion of the CSD – Community meeting will be in early September
  - b. Montrose Church Parking Variance for 75% reduction for required parking. Updating stage and other upgrades to meet ADA requirements. Upgrades are not increasing their attending number of 282 attendees which requires 57 parking spaces. The Land Use Committee recommends approval of the parking variance for Montrose Church with the condition that the occupancy be limited to 282. Motion to approve the LUC's recommendation by Mike Claessens, seconded by Desiree Rabinov. Approved unanimously. The CVTC to write a letter to Planning.
8. Community Announcements
  - a. 501 Rapid Express connection update from Street and Transportation Committee, Desiree Rabinov. Pilot service to connect the Orange line through Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena and connects to the Gold Line. Wants to coordinate with cities of Tujunga and La Canada. Online survey will be available online in approximately two weeks.

- b. Pancake Breakfast Committee, Leslie Dickson & Harry Leon – Sat September 17, 7-11 AM, in the CV High School Quad. Tickets will be available by the end of next week. This fundraiser helps various school teams and clubs.
  - c. Library, Marta Wiggins – 1200 adults and kids signed up for the summer reading program. Home Grown program begins Mon – Fri and is a Theater Workshop 10a-12p for free. It's for ages 11 and up wanting free advice on theater.
  - d. American Legion, Gerry Collins – BINGO is Sat August 19, 6PM. Limit is 240 people and tickets cost \$10 for 10 games. Additional 10 games cost \$5.
9. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
- a. ~~CHP~~ not present
  - b. Sheriff, Deputy Alex Covian – National Night Out at the Sheriff Station in conjunction with an Open House, Tue August 2, 5-8 PM. During summer vacations, you can call the station and request vacation checks to check on your house. (818) 248-3464. Statistics – 3 residential burglaries (2 open unlocked doors, 1 shattered sliding glass window); 2 aggravated assaults (both domestic violence); 1 rape (they knew each other and alcohol was involved); 0 robberies; 1 auto theft. Since June 24, no residential burglaries in La Crescenta and La Canada. Question about drivers not stopping at Los Olivos/La Crescenta – requested additional patrols and had a complaint about a Deputy. People should feel free to call the station if there are issues although traffic violations are handled primarily by the CHP. Deputy Bunch is the Traffic Officer at the CVS Station. Another complaint about the traffic up/down La Crescenta, especially when drivers are turning left into their driveways. There is no sidewalk on the east side of La Crescenta and students are frequently walking in the street. Request that this be brought up again next month. President Dickson to contact CHP Officer Cooper.
  - c. LA County Fire, Stephanie English – There are a lot of fires to east and west of us. Another caution that we live in the same topography. Ready, Set, Go brush clearance was done in Stevenson Ranch and they didn't lose one single home. Tomorrow through Saturday are high heat and red flag days. Be careful for personal health – drink a lot of water and watch out for others having a difficult time. Please don't leave kids, elderly people, and pets in cars and please keep an eye out for these. Super Scoopers coming in September and during Red Flag days we have a 4<sup>th</sup> helicopter.
  - d. ~~CERT~~ not present
  - e. CV Ready and CV Fire Safe Council, Steve Pierce – Putting on a social Sat. Aug 6, 7-8 PM at St. Luke's. Not designed for children under 16 years of age. Janet Blake doing stories and songs about how she wound up in La Crescenta. Please RSVP to Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195 or stevemspa@gmail.com

f. ~~American Red Cross~~ not present

g. ~~Prom Plus/Firehouse~~ not present

h. GUSD, Superintendent Winfred Roberson – Getting ready for the 25,000 kids coming back to school August 8. Thank you to this community for helping pass Measure S. The cameras we helped pay for caught someone who inappropriately touched a student. Recent hires – Principal at GHS and it will be announced Tuesday that Tony Barrios Director of Facilities and Planning (replaced Alan Rensing). Local Control Eligibility Plan – want our voices heard in serving families and students. Fields at Rosemont – Tony will connect with Supervisor Antonovich’s office to see how fields can be updated. Goal is academic excellence.

- Question re status of Sagebrush – There was a recent statement from Unite La Canada. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party came out with a report and there is currently no movement from the District on that. Timeline – would like to bring that back to us since he doesn’t have it with him.
- Question re Monte Vista – is it true there are 100 new students coming this year? Possibly 100 new Kindergarten students as they’re expecting a very large class.
- Rosemont fields – trying to engage Supervisor Antonovich’s office to help improve the field for students and after school activities. At this point, lights would be a problem. Question from Councilmember Claessens to confirm they are not pursuing lights on the Rosemont Fields. Superintendent Roberson confirmed GUSD is not pursuing lights.

10. Proposed Lighting District on La Crescenta Avenue, James H. Chon, P.E., Traffic and Lighting Division, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (626) 300-4726 Office; (818) 259-1066 Cell; jchon@dpw.lacounty.gov  
La Crescenta between Los Olivos and Fairmount. Mostly south of Foothill and some areas north of Foothill. Petition 39-613 includes 14 additional lights on 13 existing poles and 1 new pole. Petition is from late 2014 from the benefitting property owners. A November 2014 community meeting was held in La Canada. It’s a Board hearing process (June 26 continued to Aug 23, 2016) and voting process. **IF** approved, ballots from the benefitting property owners will be counted at that time. Discussion of the process and how to request street lights. Discussion of process for Rescindment of Petition.  
Active Petition 22-613 Orange Ave. at Cecilville Ave. right in front of the church. Proposing annexation to the lighting district for the Church property. No addition of lights, but just add properties to the annexation district so properties will be assessed the \$5.

- Question about the timeline between community hearing, now and the Board hearing. A: When the hearing notification signs went up, a number of people contacted the Supervisors office so that is why we're here.
- Question about the process for various notifications. The community meeting was announced to the benefitting property owners through letters. There was a 45-day notice given prior to the scheduled Board hearing. Going forward there is a request for the Department of Public Works to work more closely with the CVTC when there are petitions or community meetings.
- Concern about lighting our community one block at a time. Is there a process to address lighting or to form a special lighting district? James Chon suggested addressing it through a CSD. This process ensures that only those who want lighting get lighting.
- Street lighting here is a very volatile issue so this information is very helpful as it wasn't know that only benefitting property owners get notification and get to vote on it.
- Question about budget for this – it's \$5/year per property.
- Question about why residents requested the lights. It's so dark and resident lives alone and needs to use a flashlight to walk visitors out at night. Cars also drive very fast.
- Discussion that some people move here because it's a rural area and it doesn't have street lights.
- Discussion that sometimes long term residents moved here because there were no street lights.
- Discussion that if the community wants to stop street lighting, we can incorporate into the CSD or adopt the dark skies ordinance. There was a request to have a community-wide discussion about and approach to street lighting. It should be addressed at the Executive Committee Meeting.
- James Chon to provide an electronic copy of the street lighting petition process to President Dickson for posting on the website.

#### 11. 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. Sharon Weissman – CVCA meeting next Thu July 28, 7:00 pm about Glendale's streamlined permit process to look at it again and update on 2612 Honolulu Mixed condo project (The Mix) and any update on Rockhaven. Sept 22 League

of Women's voters re pro/con on various ballot measures. Sept 29 for candidates for 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisors and State Senate race.

- b. Email from resident Anne McNeill, read by Steve Pierce regarding opposition to street lighting.

12. Council Business

- a. Treasurer Report, Treasurer Desiree Rabinov – **Motion to approve by Jo Ann Stupakis, seconded by Lisa Griffin. Approved.**
- b. Medians committee postponed until next month
- c. Removal of billboards – Resident George Gurniak followed up that Kathryn Barger suggested a committee be formed. Town Council wrote a letter to Supervisor Antonovich for a plan for Foothill Blvd. including removal of billboards. A copy of that letter to be sent to Mr. Gurniak.

13. Adjourn in Memory of Maggie Barnes at 8:24 PM.