



General Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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, President Dickson 7:00 PM
2. Flag Salute, AFJROTC, Lt. Col. Worley
3. Invocation, Harry Leon
4. Roll Call, Acting Recording Secretary Jo Ann Stupakis - Present: Dickson, Leon, Rabinov, Griffin, Claessens, Ordubegian, Stupakis, Ear, Barnes. Not Present: Suh, Davis, Beatty.
5. Approval of July Minutes – Motion by Claessens, seconded by Leon. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of August Agenda – Motion by Leon, seconded by Claessens . Approved unanimously.
7. Community Announcements:
 - a. Pancake Breakfast Committee, Harry Leon Event is on Sept. 17, 2400 tickets distributed - CV pep squad 2000, American Legion a few, in quad of CVHS 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. support CVTC and non profits. Tickets \$5.00
 - b. Library – Marta – Handed out postcards to visioning session with new Library Director. Streamed in community room with new director (who will be in Lancaster) on Sept. 24 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Refreshments and prizes. Any thoughts about how the library conducts in the community, future for library, and for director to know who La Crescenta is. Two weeks ago, inservice day at PCC. There are 86 libraries in county system, not the biggest, but had more visitors than anyone else!!! Had over 300,000 visitors last year. Last year #7 in checkouts, this year #5. New category – most like a sardine can, #5.
 - c. American Legion – Mike Baldwin – American Legion and VFW honored police at pancake breakfast on August 13, GPD, Sheriff, CHP, presented each officer with thank you coin and certificate of appreciation. 19 officers, 5 retired over a two hour period. Presented Harry with a USMC American Legion Thank You

Coin. Harry helped save a man's life on freeway. Bingo at Healy Hall, Holy Redeemer, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. Bingo, 2 cards per game. August 20 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Crescenta Commons hosting an open house on Orange and Rosemont, thanking American Legion and VFW for installing a flag pole flag. Sept. 9 – Chamber of Commerce motorcade for 9/11 begins at 9:11 a.m. at Ralphs parking lot, motorcade all thru area and go by each school. Ceremony at Bob Smith Toyota at 6 p.m. Sept. 10 – Korean festival annual at Mayor's Park in La Canada. Honoring Korean War Veterans.

8. Community Reports (3 minutes and questions)

- a. CHP – Stats for June and July, June 8 traffic collisions, 3 property damage only, 4 injury or pain, 1 property damage hit and run arrested driver with DUI. July, 7 property damage only. Patrolling around schools, looking good traffic wise, more vehicles, most are doing what they are supposed to. Givign verbal warnings round high schools. Prospect and Community – moved trailer shooting radar while at lunch. Verbal warnings given. Question: 2 Freeway allowing trucks? Answer: Yes. Cannot go up Angeles Crest. Question: Lighted speed notification permanent to tell people how fast – install at Briggs southbound? Answer: Very difficult to put in, county will do surveys, very expensive, not sure of cost, talk to County. County will determine if needed. Same issue with speed bumps. Don't compare CHP stats, do several studies with and without radar trailer to see if it makes a difference, only put on northbound Lake.
- b. Sheriff, Alex Covian – Not available – stats by Harry: July homicide 0, rape 0, aggravated assault 3, burglary 1 vacant home, grand theft auto 1, theft 13 unlocked vehicles, arson 0. Increase of July vs. June, 1 burglary, 2 domestic violence, 3 petty thefts.
- c. LA County Fire – No one present
- d. CVCA – Sharon Weisman – Next meeting is Thursday, 25, status updates on land use issues, Rockhaven proposals in. Desiree to discuss new bus line. Paul Rabinov Verdugo Wash Mixed use study. Vision plan for Montrose may be discussed
- e. GUSD – Superintendent Roberson introduced Kristine Nam, Communications Director. Improve communications with stakeholders and she will help. Updates:

Back to school – enrollment up, under 26,000 students, more than last year. 3 million square feet of building space taken care of by custodians over the summer. Construction at CV and La Crescenta. Visited both sites. Complaints about noise and able to mitigate. Schedule published of noisy times. Good reports since visit – noise subsided. La Crescenta, building delayed slightly and waiting for update on when it will begin again. Thanks to police department about attempted kidnapping, pleased able to arrest the person. Updating protocol for keeping children safe.

Sagebrush Update – Timeline on events. Plan on communicating frequently to stakeholders. Late June, LCF submitted petition to LACOE. July 26 certified by LA County Registrar with minimum of 402 signature – they had 704. Sept. 7 presented to LA County Committee on School District organization. Notification only – no community members to speak. Public hearing 60 days from that meeting, between Sept. and Nov. at least one public hearing by County Committee in each district. Recommending it be held here. Position of GUSD on this – Board failed in negotiations, not our desire to give up that territory, made allowances for those who want to go to La Canada, granted permits. Nov-Dec gathering data, to formulate plans and recommendations, Jan, 2017 120 days of public hearing, County will make a recommendation go approve/disapprove and forward to BOE. BOE February will hold its public hearing, no timeline to hold its hearing. Then will make final decision. GUSD will request hearing be held in the CV area. Promote and communicate thru local media, CVTC meeting, asking for parents and families to support meetings. Send questions to our offices, CVTC a mouthpiece in helping communicate position.

Question: Rules for students allowed in classroom? People are upset about class size?

Answer: Funding tied into primary grades, 1-3, 24:1 ratio. Unless negotiated with teachers additional students. We are at TK to 3rd grade, 26 per classroom average within the school. One class may have 28, but another might have 22. Average is 26. Fourth through sixth range from 30-38 depending on class at that site. Increase or cap out. Is 38 maximum? Maybe more to avoid split/cap out. Work with teachers. Secondary classrooms are larger than elementary. But average in secondary is under 40 except P.E. class.

Question: Eligible Sagebrush students are impacted by potential transfer, how many applied for permits and got them?

Answer: Reported at start of 15-16 58 students, 14-15 19 students, 13-14, 9 students. Overall there are 364 total students in Sagebrush territory and 278 remain in GUSD 2015-2016.

Question: 400 signatures requesting Sagebrush transfer, parents or property owners?

Answer: Property owners.

Question: Happy that district is active in Sagebrush, in the past, felt that district was reacting to what La Canada was doing. We are being proactive, residents could be part of the process. Thank you for keeping us in the loop.

Question: Stakeholder committee for next steps? Want to send information out, public hearing?

Answer: CVTC is one of the stakeholders that are being communicated with to get updates. Open to any ideas to get information out – work with Kristine Nam to get information out on public hearings. We want to serve the students. No agreement was reached in prior negotiations.

Question: Timeline in one page to put on website. Make sure this is going to Thursday Folders at Mountain Avenue. Just give information on everything. They are getting info from United LCF. Uncomfortable at school to talk about it. Send one page timeline to Mountain, Rosemont and CV. Communicate to all schools.

Answer: Communicate widely and often.

Question: Anything you want us to do?

Answer: Not now, have to do our due diligence. Will wait until after Sept. 7 meeting to give timeline, next step, once date for public hearing to rally around. It has been ratified and will be accepted in Sept. 7.

Question: It will become public on Sept. 7?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Are all the names on it?

Answer: Just a petition, no access at this point. Once committee accepts on Sept. 7 it will be put into motion and actions to proceed.

Question: Holding pattern til Sept. 7.

Answer: Yes. Within 60 days public hearing, pretty quickly. Once we have a date, we will have it at CV or Rosemont. Looking forward to getting a wide variety of people to speak in public comments section supporting the maintaining Sagebrush in GUSD.

Question: Public hearing rules released? Written if people can't be there?

Answer: Don't know yet. No process in place yet. Will come back next month to give you more information.

Question: Update on Sept. 8 – we can send out a group e-mail.

9. Public Comments –

Grant Michaels – Montrose Neighborhood Assoc. Draft 2020 delivered to City Council last week, draft, final has not been released. Will share as he knows more. City of Glendale did a study called Montrose 2020, shopping park. Looking find ways to enhance or improve the shopping park. Presented to City Council last week, Steve Pierce spoke to address findings, but first step in that process.

Krista: Thank you for being forward thinking with Sagebrush. Thanks for keeping the support for our community.

10. Council Business

- a. Correspondence, - letter from neighbor on upper terrace, to LA County Public Works Street lighting, opposed to lighting district on La Crescenta. Supervisor Antonovich letting us know that by end of November excessive horn noise will come to an end November.
- b. Treasurer Report – Current balance in bank \$17,359.13. Mike first, Aram second, Treasurers Report approved.
- c. Ines – Land Use – Meeting beginning of the month, CSD for Foothill Blvd. Hoping to have one to present in September, but more overwhelming maybe in October. Looking at property on Montrose condo conversion, 2222 Montrose, will be coming to the meeting in September. Looking at street lights in community. Once a new district is formed, people are for and against. Will take this on in the future after CSD in place. Second petition for lighting. Lights at Cecilville and church. Concern that one house becomes a lighting district. Request a moratorium on lighting requests. Try to have a consensus on light/dark. Personal request from Ines. Ines will send information on Orange/Cecilville to Leslie. Will discuss at Executive Board Meeting.

Desiree: No jurisdiction unless supervisor opens this up. We don't have any authority over lighting.

Ines – We can pursue dark skies if we choose but Council has to support.

Aram – Not fair that one piece of property can have lights that affect everyone.

Council agreed that Leslie will ask questions from Suzy Nemer. Leslie will pursue.

Motion made by Leon, seconded by Claessens to do as follows:

1. Write a letter to LACOE Board and Allison Deegan, Ed.D., Regionalized Business Services Coordinator, LACOE 562-922-6336 stating that CVTC is opposed to the territory transfer and should include a request to see a copy of the petition as it should be public information. Letter to be mailed and cc'd to GUSD Superintendent and GUSD Board as well as Supervisor Antonovich.
2. Write 3 additional letters as follows: A follow-up letter to the Board after each public hearing stating our opposition and within these follow-up letters provide points of clarity as to why based on information presented at each public hearing we continue to oppose the transfer. We must show consistency in our position. (Motion ends.)
3. VP Harry Leon to form a Territory Transfer Committee. The committee will require attendance at public hearings' LACOE hearing as well as GUSD meetings. Members to be named at a later date.

Discussion ensued. After discussion, a vote was held. Ayes – Claessens, Leon, Ordubegian, Griffin, Ear. Nays - Barnes, Dickson, Rabinov, Stupakis. Motion passed.

Bus stop 800-353-1488 – bus stop replacements.

Mike – Two Strike Trail Realignment – get Parks and Rec here to advise community. We have tried to get them here. Leslie will try to get them at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

11. Adjourn