



General Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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 7:03 p.m
2. Flag Salute, AF JROTC
3. Invocation, Rev. Beverly Craig, Center for Spiritual Living
4. Roll Call, Cheryl Davis - Present: Dickson, Leon, Davis, Rabinov, Barnes, Claessens, Ear, Suh, Stupakis, Beatty. Not Present: Griffin, Ordubegian
5. Approval of September Minutes – Motion to approve by Harry Leon and seconded by Sophal Ear. Approved
6. Approval of October Agenda – Motion to approve by Harry Leon and seconded by Sophal Ear. Approved
7. Certificate of Recognition for Kyle Studebaker for annual CVTC pancake breakfast – Two highest fundraising groups were the CVHS Pep Squad \$3800 & Science Academy \$1000. Next year will be the 10th annual pancake breakfast.
8. Medians Report from Public Works, Lisa Woung – This is a follow up to the April Community Meeting. Traffic studies are now in so some medians have been removed to accommodate traffic flow. Visual of original proposed medians, red denotes reduction. (Map to be posted on www.theCVcouncil.com) Original proposal was two phases and due to the reduction in size of the project, there will be one big project and the additional \$1M funding will be available.
Final will have 7 medians. Monument signs will be installed, one at each end “Welcome to La Crescenta” signs at Pennsylvania and Briggs
Schedule – Engineering and Technical review and start could late be next year. Request from CV Chamber to not start until the first of the year, 2018.
Expectation duration is 3-5 months construction. It won’t be a continuous traffic disruption as work is done in phases.
Various businesses were pointed out for reference.
Q: If the design isn’t fully vetted yet, is there opportunity for community input? A: A Community meeting was held in April 2016. Mailers went to residents and businesses. There were concerns about landscaping. Main concerns were from community members regarding some of the plants and trees proposed. It’s the County’s mandate to be able to

sustain the design cost-effectively and it adheres to traffic standards they are responsible for maintaining (like no large bushes that block view). Will there be additional outreach regarding landscape? It was published and there is a meeting next week (the last before it's finalized) with people who expressed interest in the landscaping at the April community meeting.

Foothill is a collector road. One of the busiest intersections is Pennsylvania, likely due to traffic to/from the 210 freeway.

Plants won't be vastly different from what was presented in April.

Q: Will the median look like La Canada? A: No.

Q: Did traffic study affect placement of medians? A: No. Just number and size

Q: Will medians affect fire and police stations? A: No.

Q: What was the cost of the monument signs? A: Total \$50k with engineering and design. Q: We already have one at Briggs, would they consider removing the one at Briggs and purchase a big tree? A: Sometimes they purposely don't purchase large trees because they don't establish well.

Q: How did the landscape meeting come about? A: It's for the people who expressed concern about the landscape at the April meeting. In some cases it may be a matter of taste. It's a very narrow group of plants to choose from. When final choices are made, info will be forwarded to the Town Council. County will do a plant board like at the April meeting. (Meeting is next Tue at Public Works)

Q: Can this group stop this project? A: Ultimately landscape architect has the final word

Q: What is the overall cost? A: Entire project including engineering, trees, plants \$1.5M

Q: There was a big discussion about the design of a monument sign on the Glendale side. What is the design for the monument sign? A: It will come back before the Town Council and they will work with David Gallagher to maintain a cohesive look for Foothill Blvd.

Q: As this project goes along, can we get reports as it progresses at certain benchmarks? A: Public Works promised the Chamber they'd be kept in the loop so maybe an update every other month and can present final landscaping and monument sign designs.

9. Candidate for LA County Supervisor, 5th District, Darrell Park – Democratic candidate for the LA County Board of Supervisors. Resident of Altadena. Town Councils have no budget and no power. We're going to have a big earthquake and we're not prepared. We need to be prepared. We have the same problem as the Town Council – we need a budget and we need power. We need to take disaster preparedness to a new level because we know what's going to happen. It's your money and you pay taxes and no one here can say their money is well spent – look at the homeless and juvenile hall. You're paying first world taxes and getting third world services. Medians are great, but we have an earthquake to prepare for. Compared current County spending to not going to the dentist for 10 years and then needing tens of thousands of dollars later versus ongoing preventative care in smaller amounts over a longer period of time.

Q: Regarding being fiscally responsible. How do you suggest securing funds for Town Council without raising taxes? A: We have existing funds – spend small amounts of money early on and getting a plan as money is distributed.

Q: Describe preventative costs re mental health. A: Not doing it in a smart way, we do

it like crisis management. Leading up to a crisis, people have known there is an issue.

Q: How long did you live in Altadena and did you run for town council? A: Has lived in the 5th District for 10 years and South Pasadena for 5 years. Moved to Altadena but have not ever run for Town Council.

Q: There are 10 people here tonight (CVTC) representing our community, but there are only 5 Supervisors. A: 5 people represent 10Million residents. We don't have adequate representation.

Q: Proposal for County Chief to head the County Board? A: Yes, there was. There's a CEO but 5 people can have opposing requests. Need to streamline the decision making process and bring more people in to implement what they decide.

Q: How would you streamline the process? A: It needs to be a really thoughtful process.

Q: What legal authority will you vest in the Town Council and where will the budget come from? A: None of those things have been figured out yet. Most important thing is making sure you have the right person in the right place.

Q: What do you think about libraries? A: Loves libraries. His alma mater, Allegheny, has one of the largest collections of books. They made the library into a collaborative space.

Q: What County program do you feel wastes the most money and what would do to change it? A: Jail and law enforcement. The system is not setup correctly – look at bias and the jail system. Need counselling and job training instead of three quarters of the people returning to jail. The small amount of money you spend up front will result in savings later.

Q: Position on the 710 Freeway. A: Adamantly opposed. It's a death trap and there are a lot of other things we can do for the public transportation system. We can use that money to better public transit and get additional Federal funding.

Q: Position on high speed rail. A: HSR is going to be the wave of the future. Want to be the innovation center for new modes of transportation. However, we need to find a better route.

Q: Sediment removal and the big dig in Hahamonga. A: \$100Million dollars to move dirt for 5 years. There's a risk for flooding and there are bird and plant species we need to care about. The beach communities need sediment and 400 truck trips per day is not the answer.

For additional information, visit his website at www.electDarrellPark.com

10. Community Announcements (1 minute)

- a. Library, Marta Wiggins – Please write down your vision of what the best library is. Sat 10/22, 10a-12p, opportunity to have a conversation with our Library Directory, Skye Patrick, here. Someone will win a large beautiful prize basket.
- b. American Legion Post 288, Gerry Collins – Veteran's Day will honor the women of the Crescenta Valley who have served. Fri Nov 11, 3:00 pm at Two Strike Park. Flag Retirement ceremony.

- c. Prom Plus, Robyn Goldsworthy – Annual boutique Nov 12 at St. Lukes, 10a-3p. Tue 10/25 is fundraiser for Togos (25% of proceeds go to Prom Plus if you bring in the flyer).
 - d. CVCA, Sharon Weissman – Meeting next Thu 7:00 p.m. Wells Fargo and wireless telecommunication facility Dec 13 appeal
 - e. ~~Youth Town Council~~ -
 - f. CVTC Election and Candidate Applications, Mike Claessens
Elections Fri Nov 18 (5-8pm) and Sat Nov 19 (8a-5p). 9 candidates:
Harry Leon, Charles Beatty, Aram Ordubegian, Dr. Suh, Kyle Studebaker, Jo Ann Stupakis, Kerri Lewin, Brandon Lee, Joshua Wade.
Nov meeting will feature a candidate forum. Info will be on our website soon, maybe even tonight.
11. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
- a. ~~Los Angeles County Fire~~
 - b. ~~CV CERT~~
 - c. CV Ready, Don Ross – A subdivision of the CV Fire Safe Council. Judy Turner is now the President of CV Ready and Don is the VP. Today was the Great Shakeout. A lot of the focus is drop, cover & hold. The earthquake has happened, now what? Don't panic, don't run out of the building yet as earthquakes create aftershocks. You want to think about getting out of the building - get out with you most critical stuff.
 - d. CVWD, Tom Love – Water supply situation. Import has improved and conservation has been phenomenal. Over the summer, there was media coverage that statewide, there's been a slacking of water conservation. We still met the original state mandate. MWD anticipates a half million acre feet of water can be put in storage. We count on the Verdugo Basin ground water. Well 16 on Rockhaven site has been a beneficial investment and has saved us \$150,000 in water purchases from MWD. Received \$850,000 grant for CV Park storm water capture project. CVWD can do a presentation when Council has availability. There will be major pipeline project on Pennsylvania around Community.
 - e. ~~Municipal Water District~~
 - f. CHP, Officer Cooper – Went to Downey and acquired a new County speed trailer. Red ribbon week is next week and the theme is “You only live once (YOLO) so life drug free.” Chipper the Chipmunk is going to start visiting local schools
Cell phone law will change in January because distracted driving has gone up so you have a mount on the dash in your car. You cannot have your phone in your hand. Due to navigation apps, you can only do a single swipe and again, your

phone cannot be in your hand. September stats - 6 traffic collisions (4 property damage only , 1 injury, 1 hit and run) and 0 DUI.

- g. Sheriff, Deputy Alex Covian – Not present. Harry presented stats for Sept. Homicide – 0; Rape-1. (Both parties know each other); Robbery -1 (No weapons involved and the item taken was the victim’s flip flops); Aggravated Assault-0; Residential Burglary-2; Theft (6 Petty theft and 3 Grand Theft). Petty theft is under \$950 and grand theft is over \$950. Most Petty thefts were from businesses. Grand Theft Auto-0; Arson-0
This Saturday, October 22 is the Sheriff’s annual Haunted Jail event at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station 4554 Briggs Ave.
 - h. SCE, Haig Kartounian – SCE is pretty much done with the Mayfield project upgrades. Next project is east of here. Project manager, Adrian Flores – Panorama 4kV circuit pgrades from Glenwood/Foothill to Briggs & north on Rosemont & Briggs.
Q: Are you coordinating with the principal of Rosemont Middle School. A: They have identified two elementary schools. Changed contractors from H&M to Herman Weissker for the project. Will start Mon Oct 24 & be done by Nov 30 as the Thanksgiving holiday is during that period.
Q: What is provision when you exceed the estimated outage time? A: They always try to overestimate the outage time, but sometimes they have to go over the e rather than coming back another day. You can submit a claim to SCE, but only if harm was done.
 - i. GUSD, Superintendent Roberson – Still looking for a CBO for the District. Hope to name a candidate soon. Measure S – 10 sites, \$86M. La Crescenta Elementary completion will be summer 2017. Phase I of CVHS science lab is done with phase II completion estimated for spring 2017. Tomorrow, 10/21 is a teacher professional development day. For the first time, the PSAT was issued to two grades (11th and 10th graders). Sagebrush hearings – Wed Nov 2, at CVHS and Wed Oct 26 at LCUSD Office. We want everyone to come out.
Harry requested agenda for Oct 26 La Canada hearing from Mr. Roberson.
You can see www.gusd.net website for templates of letters you can write.
12. Candidate for State Assembly, 43rd District, Laura Friedman – Current Glendale City Council Member. Grew up on the east coast and moved here to work at Paramount Pictures. Has lived in the district since 1994. Volunteered for the LA City Conservancy. Applied for and was appointed to the Glendale Design Review Board for 5 years. Ran for Council in 2009 and is the sixth woman on Council since 1906. Glendale was a follower in environmental issues and she has worked to change that, including work on banning use of a rodenticide that kills rodents and harms the predators that eat them. Working with business community to help small businesses in the City of Glendale so Planning Director can give small variances over the counter for \$150. It’s important to work with other cities and communities. Monitoring HSR and helped do the new North Glendale Community Plan to protect this area from over development. We need to be water resilient and invest in public transit or getting around without a car. Wants to run

for State office due to Prop 47 and Realignment which have led to a rash of burglaries and crime. We need to have elected representatives who will be in the community day in and day out to come up with practical solutions. We have challenges with homelessness and drug addiction. We have great opportunities if we're willing.

Q: Questions about pro marijuana stance. It takes 6-8 gal water/day for marijuana plants. Want to change ordinances to allow for a distribution center in Glendale. This can bring in butane tanks and other elements. A: Voted to keep pot shops out of Glendale because it's an unregulated industry. It's a reality that people can get prescriptions for it all the time and there are people who benefit from medical cannabis. Personal feeling is that we can do a better job of controlling this quasi-legal industry. This proposition was developed with law enforcement agencies. Has a real problem with kids using drugs. It's almost impossible for law enforcement to get a conviction of a DUI for ingestibles because you can't test for it.

~~13. Candidate for State Assembly, Ardy Kassakhian – Unable to attend due to another commitment.~~

14. 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.

- Jonas Williams regarding realtors leaving their signs out day and night. A trend has developed with 3 different local realtors leaving their open house signs far before and beyond the times the houses will be open. Signs are even put up on the freeway on/off ramps. Discussion that the Town Council contact the Chamber to write or co-write a letter to the Local Board of Realtors.

15. Correspondence - none

16. Council Business

- a. Pancake Breakfast Report – already done
- b. Announce candidates running for CVTC – done. Last day to request AB is Nov 12 and Nov 14 will be the candidate forum at the Town Council's General meeting
- c. Street Lights Report – January 25, 2017 is the tentative date for a community meeting regarding street lights. The Town Council requested a 6-month moratorium on street light petitions and the Board of Supervisors voted to approve it.

17. Announcements – none.

18. Adjourn 9:09 PM