



# General Meeting Minutes

## November 17, 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 7:01pm
2. Flag Salute, AF JROTC
3. Invocation, Steve Marshall, Pastor at Crescenta Valley United
4. Roll Call, Cheryl Davis - Present: Dickson, Leon, Davis, Rabinov, Griffin, Barnes, Claessens, Ordubegian, Stupakis, Beatty. Not Present: Ear, Suh
5. Approval of October Minutes – Motion to approve by Desiree Rabinov, seconded by Aram Ordubegian. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of November Agenda – Motion to approve by Charles Beatty, seconded by Harry Leon. Approved unanimously.
7. Cal-Trans, Corinna (and Reza Fateh, Project Manager), I-210 Rehab Project (10 min) – Safety is part of their mission statement.  
Q: Entered freeway at La Crescenta and almost had an accident due to merging and lanes not clearing marked. Cars, especially trucks, are going too fast to safely merge onto the freeway. What is the duration of the work on the La Crescenta entrance and merging area? A: Will need to get back to us on the construction schedule. Contacted CHP to increase presence to reduce the traffic speed and put in two changeable warning signs. Issued several revision plans to restripe that area to give more clear merging instructions for drivers.  
Q: Suggestions – (1) Traffic patterns changed on e/w surface streets (Montrose, Foothill) and signal timing doesn't appear to be correct; (2) Car after car dives into the merging zone so they need twice as many pylons to make it clearer where to exit at La Crescenta; (3) e/b between Gould & Angeles Crest - #3 lane appears to be new concrete, but is very bumpy. A: They are aware of it. 210 connectors are very rough so they were recently smoothed.  
Q: Big trucks are scary, even at 55 so you're either hit by a semi or you hit a block cement wall. The wall is inches from the lane. You merge on and traffic is at a stop. A: Implemented new changeable message signs and decreased speed limit.  
Q: Is the timeframe weeks or months and are you aware of the accidents that have occurred? A: They have a standard merging transition length but they might need to go back to look at the transitions. There is sometimes a need to shorten a transition for

certain work to be done.

Comment: Go west to get on Lowell to avoid Pennsylvania on-ramp

Q: Pennsylvania merging onto freeway – can there be a flagman to get people to slow down? A: Can have CHP presence enforcing the speed limit, but due to safety, cannot have a flagman on the freeway.

Q: Can you do anything to have the CHP get the trucks to slow down? Please contact the CHP.

Q: Thank you for fixing the freeways. #1 issue is communication – we need to slow down, the trucks go too fast. We need to slow down, be courteous, allow people to merge, use your blinker and let them do their jobs. How current is their website regarding closures? A: It is current and Jessica posts them and it's sent to media and we can add people to the mailing list. [www.DOT.ca.gov.d7](http://www.DOT.ca.gov.d7)

Q: Is restriping so it's clear to understand 3 lanes merge into 1? A: It was modified to add merging arrows on the pavement and widened the yellow striping near the k-rail.

Q: Further east, there is a bottleneck into Pasadena and the backup is all the way to JPL. That connector has always been congested. Is Caltrans planning on improving that? A: Connectors were refreshed with new pavement and high friction pavement to reduce the stopping distance, tunnel lighting being updated, painting the tunnels white for more reflection and light.

Q: 210 e/b to Pasadena, there's a sign suggesting people turn on their headlights in the tunnel but can we increase its visibility? A: It won't be necessary after changes to the tunnel.

Q: What do studies show regarding accidents? A: Have heard approximately 30 from CHP. Recommendation is to avoid the freeway during construction for short trips.

Summary from President Dickson: Can you please look into timing of the lights on the e/w streets, is there a range for merging and how much shorter transitions will be and please report back.

Comment: Please understand what we're going through. People are already using the streets so we can't. We're currently in distress. A: Will work with County on timing of lights

Comment: More pylons/cones, but can they be illuminated at night so you know where you can get off/on?

Q: Would metering of the ramps help? A: They are being metered

8. Salute to Supervisor Antonovich – Presentation of the Key to La Crescenta-Montrose from the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce President Kaipō Chock and the Crescenta Valley Town Council President Leslie Dickson. Presentation of certificate of appreciation and Army challenge coin by Mike Baldwin.
9. Community Announcements (1 minute)
  - a. Christmas Tree Lighting, Robbyn Battles – Thu Dec 1, 5:30 pm starting with a balloon show and moving downstairs for a 6:30 pm ceremony. They will be closing one lane on Foothill (just past Ralphs to Dyer) from 3:45 pm
  - b. Library, Marta Wiggins – Mother/Daughter Tea Dec 10, Gift Extravaganza

- c. Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade, Cheryl Davis – Sat December 3, 6:10 pm
- d. CVTC Elections – Fri Nov 18 5-8 PM and Sat Nov 19 8AM-5PM at St. Luke's Church. There have been requests for 170 absentee ballots with about 50 absentee ballots received so far.
- e. American Legion, Mike Baldwin – Will be sending Amazon Gift cards to active duty military for the holidays so if you have family or friends serving, please fill out and return a donation form.
- f. ~~Prom Plus/Firehouse~~

10. Community Reports (3 min and questions)

- a. Sheriff, Deputy Alex Covian – October: 13 crimes - 1 residential burglary (front door), 9 petty theft (3 unlocked vehicles) and 2 stolen vehicles. During the holidays, mail and package theft increases. Lock your doors and windows. Lock your vehicle doors to avoid property theft. Toy and food drive so new unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the station for the Dec 17 event.
- b. Los Angeles County Fire, Stephanie English – Oct: 51 responses. 16 engine 63, 1 engine 74, 34 squad 19 medical calls. 9 traffic collision, 4 responses unconscious persons, 5 breathing, 3 bleeding, 3 assault/abuse. Reminder the ABC Spark of Love Toy Drive Dec 5 will be Supervisor Antonovich's last official event. All fire stations are accepting toys. Most common home fire is from Christmas trees and candles. Put candles in a jar with sand in the bottom and good tip is when cleaning up after a party, turn all the lights off and walk through the house to look for flickering candles. Don't put more than 3 strands of lights together don't put the cords under carpets/mats.
- c. ~~CV CERT~~
- d. CV Ready, Judy Turner – Cleaning up area in Briggs Terrace. Annual do 1 thing calendar available. Rec'd a \$1200 grant from CA Fire Safe Council. Looking for a liaison to the Town Council.
- e. GUSD, Superintendent Roberson – Moved to trustee areas so community forum w/GUSD and GCC Nov 29, 6pm at Glendale Police Dept. Community room; GUSD calendar approved, with first day of school will be Aug 16; Public hearings for transfer GUSD to LCUSD completed & we'll hear by end of January/beginning of February; School construction \$86M construction at Fremont & Lincoln on schedule, La Cr Elementary a bit behind due to concern of trucks entering while children present, CVHS in second phase of science building to be completed around spring break; Rosemont lockers and partitions; Post election spill over questions – all students stayed in class and there was one sit-in at one school; CBO interviews today with Nov 29 second round of interviews Dec 13 Board meeting; school out next week.

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.*

- Kaipo Chock – VH Golf Course closing Dec 31. 229 unit development is proposed. There will be a public outreach meeting.
- Question about supporting propositions -

12. Candidate Forum, Mike Claessens – 8 candidates for 6 open seats

- Harry Leon – Created the Youth Council and Prayer Breakfast. Wants to continue transparency.
- Kerri Lewin – Keep the community as it is, keep it safe and increase diversity and let it flourish. Increase communication between businesses and residents.
- Kyle Studebaker – Running again to be re-engaged. Wants to be the voice for those who don't have the time and she wants to put her energy behind her actions.
- Brandon Lee – Dedicated entire life in a school teaching or learning and tries to get involved in the schools and give back to the community.
- Joshua Wade – Concerned about democracy and on a local scale. He's working for direct representation, even if it's unpopular.
- Charles K. Beatty – Would like to see the Sagebrush issue taken care of in favor of our residents, closer relationship with Board of Education and Council encourage unity.
- Jo Ann Stupakis – Would like to continue in her role. Will offer to be Recording Secretary, wants to work toward historic preservation and work together as a team.
- Aram Ordubegian – Loves the community and wants to protect it. Liaison between the Chamber (businesses) and Council (residents).
- Q: What role do you fill the TC fills within the community and what's your priority issue?  
Aram - Give voice to the residents and businesses. New Supervisor needs to know we're here and our views are important.  
Jo Ann - Represent the residents with the County. Likes how community comes together and that's part of our job. We each have a gift to offer the community and give back in that regard.  
Charlie – TC is liaison to the Supervisor's office (cited examples). We are a united Council.

Joshua – We represent the community, but we don't have direct legal authority but have to go to the County. Primary concern is votes don't legal authority to make things happen.

Brandon – Sees the role as a bridge and spotlight. Bridge – we don't bridge or connect to all our comm member so we need to spotlight what's right. Wants to focus on mental disease, mental health.

Kyle – Council is a credible body of residents to listen. It's not always about the issues but there are opportunities to partner with others (high school, American Legion). Wants closure on Sagebrush.

Kerri – She travels to other communities so her priority is to bring the people together and advocate for them. Wants to outreach to more community members.

Harry – We are a diversified community and we need to cater to each of the groups and be their voice.

- Q: What do you think are your strengths & bring to the TC and what is the one thing you would change and how would you apply your strength?

Harry – Transparency is important and strength is bringing everyone together.

Kerri – Ability to communicate with people is strength. Important we are accepting and all get along. We need more openness, transparency and acceptance.

Kyle – Passion for what she does and being part of the community. Good org skills, likes to shop. Puts things in context and is proactive. Would like to do better at outreach and communication. We have a great vehicle (social media and website) but would like to see us do a better job of outreach, comm & updates and make it a two way dialog.

Brandon – Energy and self-deprecating ability. Is willing to listen to foster a dialog to bring communities together to help people who are untrusting of each other.

Joshua – Not giving up and keep going are not easy. He might fail 5-10 more times, but he's going to keep going to make it happen.

Charlie – Good listener, patient, perseverant and can communicate and assist Council to accomplish things.

Jo Ann – Helping bring people together and sometimes there is conflict, but she can see both sides and be objective and listen to both sides and people sometimes work it out. We need togetherness and be a better team.

Aram – problem solver, focused and passionate. Work involves many parties trying to grab part of the pie. Passion kicks in regarding schools and first responders.

- Closing statements including jobs or committees you'd like to serve on while on Council

Aram – Land use and medians, CSD to keep our residents and businesses here. Sagebrush is critical.

Jo Ann – will serve as Recording Secretary and will get involved in all our activities

Charlie – Was involved in the original CSD

Joshua – Land Use. Sees only half our community here. Where are those who

are west of Pennsylvania. Apartments and overcrowding, Rocky Cola sits vacant and we have no say in the jigsaw of Glendale.

Brandon – Doesn't believe annexation is the answer, we can do it on our own. Has reached out to build coalitions and has been part of Sagebrush discussions. This town has a great opportunity to value our progress.

Kyle – Serving on Sagebrush and interested in scholarship, prayer breakfast and maybe a new standing committee for outreach (2 way comm), Treasurer, Corr maybe.

Kerri – Does fundraising and would like to put help with whatever Council needs help with. Definition of Community – would like to see us grow, protect ourselves from having issues and protect our sacred space we call home.

Harry – Very passionate about his community. Harry's everywhere and knows a lot of people because that's his passion. Will serve on whatever committee his community wants. Put Sagebrush committee together.

### 13. Council Business

#### a. Correspondence –

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#### b. Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve Mike, Cheryl, approved.

#### c. Proposed letter for Two-Strike Park path read – Charlie, Jo Ann. 1 opposed (Desiree)

#### d. Committee Reports

- i) Sagebrush Transfer, Harry Leon – Two public hearings completed. Middle of Jan we'll hear decision. Residents can still email to either school district or Alice Degon. Links on our website.
- ii) LUC, Cheryl Davis – Dec 1 LUC meeting cancelled due to the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Library. Jan 5, 2017 LU meeting includes:
  - a. Street Lighting presentation by Planning. We've asked for a map of the areas currently in a lighting district with an overlay of sidewalk, curb & gutter. Also requested James Chon from Public Works attend. 6 month moratorium ends April 11, 2017.
  - b. 3037/3045 Foothill – The architect will be presenting revised plans to the community. I have notified the residents who asked to be informed.
  - c. Request to post information on both projects on the website
- iii) Hindenburg Sign – recommended art is on our website.

14. Announcements – Rockhaven will be a public park (Gangi option). City of Glendale will maintain ownership – no homes, not hotel. The original structures are protected and they'll work with the Friends of Rockhaven.
15. Adjourn 9:04 PM