



# General Meeting Agenda

February 16, 2017

La Crescenta Library Community Room 7:00 pm

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1. Call to Order & Welcome, President Leon 7:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:00 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: ROTC
3. Invocation: Councilmember Stupakis
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Aram Ordubegian - Present: Leon, Claessens, Ordubegian, Ear, Rabinov, Stupakis, Studebaker, Ear, and Lee. Not Present: Barnes, Dickson, Griffin, and Beatty.
5. State Senator Portantino, 25<sup>th</sup> Senate District, gave a comprehensive report of the pending I-210 construction and his efforts to make the stretch of the freeway through our community to be safer and to give more and brighter notice to drivers of the pending construction. Cal-Trans is trying to address the specific concerns of the community and they have been responsive. He urged Cal-Trans to continue to consider the community's needs during the construction process.
6. Assembly member Laura Freidman, 43<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District, thanked Cal-Trans for taking the communities issues seriously and asked Cal-Trans to think about public safety above everything else. She urged Cal-Trans to keep all lines of communications open and asked the community to continue to advocate for the needs of the community.
7. Approval of January Minutes, Ear moved, Claessens second.
8. Approval of February Agenda, Stupakis moved, Ear second.
9. Community Announcements (1 minute)
  - a. CV Library, Marta Wiggins, discussed the appreciation for the support that the library receives from the community.

- b. American Legion, Dick Club, discussed the CV-ROTC Bingo on March 11, 2017. Prom Plus Bingo is holding its bingo at the American Legion on April 21, 2017, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car show will be held on May 20, 2017 at CV Park. Money that is raised goes to communities youth programs and to veterans. Support is greatly appreciated.
- c. Prom Plus/Firehouse, Robin Goldsworthy (President of Prom Plus), discussed that the organization is now 20 years old and needs more adult participation in Prom Plus. She discussed what Prom Plus does during the year to put on the Prom Plus event after the May prom. She urged community support of Prom Plus, including the upcoming April 21, 2017 bingo at the American Legion.

10. Community Reports (3 min and questions)

- a. GUSD, Councilmember Stupakis, discussed that March 8, 2017 is next Sagebrush territory transfer discussion at.
- b. CVWD, Tom Love, updated the Council on the local water supply and that of the State of California. A discussion of the Orwell dam issues and how it may impact the community followed. The water conservation color-code designation may soon be changed from Green to Blue due to the heavy rainfall this season.
- c. CV Chamber, Kaipō Chock, President of the Chamber, discussed how the Chamber likes the communication between the Chamber and the Council and thanked President Leon for attending the Chamber's most recent board meeting. He also noted that Councilmember Ordubegian is the Past President of the Chamber which helps the two bodies work together. The Mary Pinola grants were discussed and how the upcoming "Smart-A-Thon" on March 15, 2017 is used to fund such grants. April 29, 2017 is the Chamber's yearly Hometown Country Fair at CV Park. March 19, 2017 is the Chamber's Day-At-The-Races at the Santa Anita Racetrack. Finally, Cal-Trans was thanked for being at the Council meeting tonight to hear the concerns of the community.
- d. CV Cert, Paul Dutton, discussed the heavy rainfall this season and urged the community to be vigilant and aware of the potential flood and mudflows this coming weekend. CERT will be watching local burn areas and debris basins during the upcoming storms.
- e. CVCA, Mr. Weisman, multi-jurisdictional group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the library to discuss local land use and related issues, at 7:00 p.m. Dunmore Park is slated to receive an AT&T cellular tower (60 foot high mono-pine) and this proposed tower will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Cal-Trans, Karina Vargas Department of Transportation Public Information Officer, Reza Fateh Project Manager for I-210, and others from Cal-Trans working on the I-210 construction made a presentation to the Council. Ms. Vargas and Mr. Fateh thanked the Council and the dignitaries and other presenters for their comments. Cal-Trans is not reviewing Facebook comments and they asked that questions or issues be sent directly

to Ms. Vargas. Mr. Fateh introduced all of the individuals that are working on the I-210 project and who have attended the Council meeting. A Power-Point presentation was provided which listed out, among other things, the project's entire scope. 58.5% of the work has already been completed and this is a \$105,500.00 project. April 2015 was the start date and summer of 2018 will be finish date. June 2017 is when the Lowell to Ocean View portion of the project will be completed. The project is slightly over budget. Off and on ramp closures and openings were next listed out. Community concerns have been considered by Cal-Trans and when possible, changes have been made to lessen the impact of the project on traffic and the community in general. A list of all of the changes, including K-Rail movements, lighted noticing signs, and traffic enforcement measures, were detailed. The recent Foothill Boulevard congestion is due to the eastbound and westbound construction occurring at the same time because the project was a bit behind, along with the closure of the Pennsylvania off-ramp. Certain red-light adjustments have been made on Foothill Blvd and the 2 Freeway off-ramp, along with more signage, to try and lessen the impact. Community questions and comments were made for the benefit of Cal-Trans and the community. Specifically, Anne McNeill appreciates Cal-Trans responsiveness and discussed the speeding and ways to reduce the high speeds; Aryan Kenali is worried about safety issues and the apparent disregard for safety, along with their appearing to be not enough workers on the project; Krystyna Kusztc discussed how Montrose Street and other streets are also being impacted, not just Foothill Blvd.; Chris Kilpatrick discussed how Cal-Trans has not managed the project properly and how common sense safety measure has not been met, finally, a public records demand was handed to Cal-Trans and the Council; Doug Kilpatrick suggested certain changes to the local streets, lanes on the freeway, and cooperation by and among governmental agencies to lessen the chaos on Foothill Blvd.; Robbyn Battles, former President of the Council, listed out the issues she has on her four times a day commute back and forth on the I-210; each of the Councilmembers next asked questions of Cal-Trans.

CHP discussed that there has been an increase in ticketing and explained their recent patrol patterns to aid lessen the impact of the pending I-210 project. A report of the increase by 30% of traffic collisions was also discussed.

## 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.

Abel Garica, from County Parks discussed that part of the CV Dog Park will be closed off for wash station construction.

Paul Rabinov discussed the Parks Needs Assessment that the Council participated in for Measure “A” which ultimately passed. The Council was urged to follow up with the County to determine how the needs of the community are being met.

### 13. Council Business

- a. Correspondence – All correspondence was distributed, including mobile vendors on Foothill Blvd. and an invitation to attend State Senator Portantino’s community swearing in on February 26, 2017.
- b. Treasurer’s Report – Councilmember Rabinov provided an audit report of the 2016 financial report. Claessens moved and Rabinov seconded to approve the audit. The audit passed and moved into records as amended. Bank accounts have properly been transitioned. The 2017 budget was reviewed, discussed, and adjusted (\$100 increase for badges) as ultimately reflected on the budget that was moved into the records and approved by unanimous vote. Studebaker asked that she reserves the right to discuss an increase in the scholarships and the Council agreed that an amended budget can be considered in the future. Several councilmembers individually thanked Councilmember Rabinov for her work as Treasurer and the recent audit.
- c. Land Use Committee (LUC), Committee-member Ines Chessum, discussed the need for LUC to have a new co-chair. The Council decided that Cheryl Davis will continue as a co-chair along with Councilmember Ordubegian as the Council member co-chair. Leon moved, Lee seconds (Ordubegian abstained) and the motion was passed.

Lighting District discussion was next conducted and LUC Committee-member Chessum gave a detailed presentation to the Council of the work of the LUC. The LUC has been considering how to address the needs of the community to also allow for residents to have a voice in the process when a group of residents chooses to proceed with installing street lights. The County allowed for a 6-month moratorium on new street lights, ending in April 2017, to allow the Council to consider the issues. Committee-member Chessum also discussed that the pending Community Standards District (CSD) amendment will proceed and the street light issues, including the percentage of accept votes needed, may be added to the CSD at a later time; as such, the CSD amendments are not being delayed. LUC asked the Council to recommend a survey of the community for the County to determine what the community wants regarding street lighting; specifically, the survey can help determine whether the community wants to keep the current lighting arrangement, a dark skies or similar type of arrangement, or some other combination or alternative. The Council debated the issue and Committee-member Chessum answered the various questions. President Leon motioned to recommend that the County conduct a survey, as requested by LUC, to determine what the community

- wants with regard to the current street lighting procedures or some other alternative. During discussion of this motion further debate commenced and the Council was heavily leaning toward approving the motion, however, since the library's lights turn off at 10:00 p.m., discussion had to be stopped and Councilmember Claessens made a counter-motion to take up the issue of the survey at a joint meeting with LUC at the LUC's next meeting on March 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the CV Library. This counter-motion was unanimously approved.
- d. The Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the mission and goals of the Council for 2017 and a tentative date February 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Crescenta Valley Library was proposed.

14. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. because the lights at the CV Library were automatically shut off.