



# General Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

La Crescenta Library Community Room 7:00 pm

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:00 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: ROTC – CA 882.
3. Invocation: Councilmember Stupakis
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Aram Ordubegian - Present: Leon, Claessens, Ordubegian, Beatty, Dickson, Rabinov, Griffin, Stupakis and Lee. Not Present: Barnes, Ear, and Studebaker.
5. Approval of March Minutes, Claessens moved, Beatty second.
6. Approval of April Agenda, Claessens moved, Stupakis second.
7. Community Announcements (1 minute)
  - a. Library, Marta Wiggins, report of the current activities of the Library reported to Council and the Community and urged the Community to use the Library.
  - b. American Legion, May 20<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day and on May 20, 2017 at CV Park a ceremony, raffle, and car show will be conducted. The community is invited.
  - c. Youth Town Council: The Youth Town Council has started to meet again and an entrepreneurial event will be held on May 7, 2017 at the Harvest Market.
  - d. Proclamation to Remember and Commemorate the Armenian Genocide, presented by Vice President Claessens, to ANCA Crescenta Valley Chapter and the community.
  - e. Prom Plus, Robin Goldsworthy: On April 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, a bingo will be held to raise funds for Prom Plus. May 7, 2017, Taste of Montrose will also be held to raise funds for Prom Plus.
8. Los Angeles County Planning-Housing Initiatives, Ayala Scott and Svetha Ambati, discussed new State of California law mandated land use and development goals in County areas concerning housing ordinances, density bonus ordinances, and compact lots subdivision ordinances and design guidelines. A list of these ordinances and their descriptions was distributed to the Council and the community.

9. Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Herbicide Presentation, Manuel Escobar, Henry Brower, and Albert Gomez, discussed the recent Roundup herbicide spraying at local parks and the recent media coverage regarding Roundup and its potential health impacts.
10. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
  - a. GUSD, Superintendent Wilfred Roberson -- provided his report, including discussing that GUSD elections are done and May 1 will be the seating of the members of the GUSD Board. State testing is currently in progress at local schools and “integrated math” will continue at local schools. May 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. is the next Sagebrush territory transfer discussion at the LACOE Board. Evidence of the impact of any transfer has been submitted to the LACOE Board. Questions of various councilmembers were answered.
  - b. CVWD, Tom Love, General Manager of CVWD, updated the Council on the local water supply and that of the State of California generally. Due to recent rains, the State of California has received the highest amount of rain since recording of such levels started and Governor Brown has lifted the drought designation. The conservation alert level may return back to a “Normal” conservation level from “Extreme” conservation.
  - c. CVCA, Mr. Weisman, cross/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. Local land use projects were discussed and councilmembers’ questions were answered.
  - d. LA County Sheriff’s Department – Officer Covian -- local crime statistics was provided to the Council and the Community. With Captain Song being promoted to Commander, the new captain of our Sheriffs’ Station is now Christopher Blasnck. Captain Blasnck spoke to the Council and stated his goal to keep our community as safe as possible and was impressed with the community’s positive crime statistics. Marjorie Jacobs is second in command and she will also be at our Sheriffs’ Station.
  - e. CHP, Captain Jesse Holguin, addressed the Council. As of March 1, 2017, Captain Holguin took charge of the Alta Dena Station and discussed his admiration of our community and the involvement of community in local matters. A discussion of the I-210 construction was held and statistics of related traffic collisions. Traffic collisions have been decreasing in recent months due to the CHP’s active enforcement along I-210. This is distracted drivers month and caution was urged for all drivers.
  - f. CV Ready, Don Ross, discussed that hazardous tree assessments in Briggs Terrace will be conducted to attempt to be fire safe for later this year when fire season will begin. Problem trees will be added to the list of trees that need to be trimmed or taken out. CV Ready and Fire Safe will have a booth at the CV Chamber’s upcoming Hometown Country Fair on April 29, 2017 at CV Park.

## 11. Public Comment

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.

None

## 12. Council Business

- a. Correspondence – All correspondence was distributed at the EC meeting by Council Member Ear since he is not available for the meeting today.
- b. Treasurer’s Report – A discussion of the current March report was conducted and the Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Claessens moved and Stupakis seconded and approved by the Council unanimously.
- c. Scholarship – Deadline for applications is April 5, 2017
- d. Donations to Organizations – Vice President Claessens will circulate a proposed motion consistent with discussions that will be reviewed and considered at a later meeting.
- e. Update on Measure “A” (Parks Needs Assessment) – President Leon was informed by the County that Measure “A” monies will be allocated in 2018. Cheryl Davis has been appointed by the Supervisor to be the community member on the related commission. A future presentation will be made to the Council.
- f. Safe Route To School – Council Member Rabinov discussed the Safe Route To School program in the community. A motion was made by Rabinov, seconded by Studebaker, to send a letter to the Supervisor’s office for a design study for our community. The specific language of the motion is attached to these Minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- g. Schedule of Executive Committee Meetings – a discussion was held on where and when future EC meetings can and should be held.
- h. CVTC Website and related upgrades – a bid for the Supervisor’s consideration is not yet prepared and the website and e-mails are working. Ideas for changes should be developed and presented before bids are considered.
- i. Door to Door sales of coupons and other contributions: Unless approved by the Sherriff's Department, these are illegal in County areas unless they are related to religious activity.
- j. Abandoned houses and Illegal dumping: 2521 Janet Lee: The issues at this property have been noted to the County and a construction permit has been issued by the County. The problems will hopefully be solved once construction begins. 2613 Montrose: the trash on the property was from a next door tenant. Citation has been issued and the new tenant has started the process of cleaning up the property. 2718 Sanborn Ave: the abandoned house needs to be fixed up by the new owners and the County will be watching the progress. 2767 Foothill blve: complaint from

- community members in regard of the ongoing construction at the property. The contractor have a permits for grading and retaining wall.
- k. Scholarship: Nine candidates were interviewed by Leon, Griffin, Ear, and Barnes. All candidates were from CV High and each one of them was spectacular. The Scholarship Committee recommended that Council approve all nine candidates for scholarships at \$500 per applicant. The Council unanimously approved increasing the total scholarship amount to \$4,500. To date, President Leon has been able to secure the following donations: Byblos Restaurant \$400, Apel, Inc. Landscaping \$250, LK Jewelry & Diamond Setting \$100, Burrtec \$500, and Tire 4 Less \$100.
  - l. Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, April 22, 2017 is the Prayer Breakfast at the First Baptist Church on Community Street. Doors open at 8 am. Super King has once again supplied the fruit and Forest Lawn the water.
  - m. Christmas Tree Project: Member Griffin will take charge of coordinating this project and if the County funds it, the Library will again host the Christmas Tree this year.

13. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.