



General Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:01 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Mike Baldwin
3. Invocation: No invocation
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Lewin, Libra, Hoffman, Stupakis, Ear, Rodriguez, Ordubegian, , Kilpatrick, Brookbank, Rabinov. Not Present: Yu.
5. Approval of December Meeting Minutes as revised, motion to approve by Councilmember Ear. Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of January Meeting Agenda, motion to approve by Councilmember Stupakis. Seconded by Councilmember Ear. Approved unanimously.
7. Farewell to outgoing Councilmembers (Charles Beatty and Daniel Kim) Intro - Daniel has made many contributions, and was a big part of the youth council. Charlie has been a staple of the city, and help lay the foundation for where we are today. Vickery presents certificates to Charlie and Daniel. Vickery speaks - Fantastic contributors to the entire community. Vickery thanks Daniel and Charlie for their service and notes, we are a unique community where participation is important. President Leon reads certificate to former Councilmembers on Vickery's behalf. Daniel speaks - Thanking everyone and he enjoyed working with the council. Laura Friedman presents certificates to Daniel and Charlie, and thanks them for all their hard work and service. President Leon reads the certificate on behalf of Miss Friedman. Mary presents the certificate on behalf of Mr. Adam Schiff, and thanks them for all their work in the community, and how much of a difference it makes. Savannah presents a certificate on behalf of Supervisor Kathryn Barger. Savannah thanks both Daniel and Charlie for their service, and reads the certificate of service from the County Supervisor's Office. Finally, President Leon reads certificate of service from Mr. Adam Schiff.

8. Community Reports (3 min and questions)

- a. Youth Council – Selena gives the Youth Council Report for December - Found Art Contest winners, with results submitted via email list. The Youth Council brainstormed for event ideas and currently helping with AP exams. They meet the 2nd Thursday of every month.
- b. Sheriff - No update given
- c. Fire Department – No update given
- d. CHP – No update given
- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Baldwin gave the following updates. Working with VFW and American Legion to clean up and maintain the monument. The American Legion with assume care moving forward. They will meet the second Saturday of every month, at the intersection of Fairway and Rosemont. Board members were recently sworn in, Donna Libra being one of them. Congratulations to Donna.
- f. CV Water – No update given
- g. CV Cert – Mr. Dutton gave the following updates. Three zoom meetings last fall. New meeting planned in March. Recent red flag warnings could mean we'll lose power at some point. Are you ready for a power outage? March's meeting will focus on that, and what you can do to be prepared. Mr. Dutton announces the Emergency Preparedness Network Channel. It's a YouTube channel. This has been posted on the Chamber and Town Council board, as well as the CV weekly. Hit Subscribe and View. The channel will have a new video every month. Working with CV Water and other organizations on various issues and projects.
- h. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given
- i. CVCA – Mr. Michaels gave the following updates - Shows slides of Honolulu project. Meeting will be next week. One discussion at the meeting will be about 3950 Foothill and Lowell. It's a new project, mixed use. One question we will ask is, does it conform to the "CSD", and what are the plans. Mr. Michael's shows plans for the 2941 Honolulu project (replacing Leo's). This has been appealed based on the zoning, and the 25 foot height limit. This project will be 43 feet tall. Appeal was scheduled before Glendale city council. The appeal should be coming back the 16th of February. The CVCA asks for a letter from the CVTC, acknowledging the project is also not compatible with our "CSD" (Community Standards District). Mr. Michael's notes, Glendale has a similar "CSD" as the Crescenta Valley. City of Glendale will look into Bee Keeping, They were allowed in 3 locations. People are having issues with bees in some areas, and have issued complaints. The CVTC might want to look into this project further, as it could come to our area. Mr. Baldwin asks a question - How much of the property are they taking up for the "Leo's" project. Mr. Michaels responds - Strictly Leo's and its parking lot. Councilmember Lewin asks where we can get copy of the plans. Mr. Michaels puts a link in chat for the plans. They are

also on the City of Glendale website. Ines asks a question - What is the problem with the project. Mr. Michaels responds - They are challenging the design of the project, not the validity of the affordable housing parameters being used. The thought is, things can be done with the design to make the structure smaller, which could prove more fruitful than challenging how big they can make it based on certain bills/props. One other notable design avenue we could take, is that the footprint of second and first story are the same. President Leon asks - Which property the CVCA want a letter for. Mr. Michaels responds - It's for the Honolulu property. The Lowell property isn't up for appeal yet.

- j. GUSD – Superintendent Vivian Ekchian provided the following updates. For this week and next, they've put a pause on programs, which was in large part based on public health guidelines. It wasn't an easy decision, but was made in the best interest of the community. After the holiday surge, the guidance was to shut things down. Distance learning this week and next. Hybrids programs hopefully can continue, and the same with the athletic program starting in February. She is happy to announce the partnering with USC Verdugo Hills, so that GUSD employees can get vaccinations in a timely manner. Everything is going as expected. Summer programs are being formulated, and acceleration activities will continue. Hoping to get more funding from the state, but that is still pending. GUSD Board member Jennifer Freemon gave the following updates - The CIF did cancel the fall sports championship series. The athletic programs can still do conditioning, but still no practices. They are already starting to think of ideas for spring sports. Announces Black history month, where each Wednesday they'll be a different speaker in a series. This will go through February, and have various speakers about art, business, and other topics. The council will be invited. There was a Poetry competition, and we were nationally competitive.
- k. Land Use Committee – Ines gave the following updates. Their last meeting was on Jan 7th. Announces that the terms for 3 members of the LUC are expiring. The members who are expiring, have agreed to stay in the LUC. However, they will step aside for new members, if there is interest. Ines prepared a document for the interview process to be a LUC member. It goes over the by-laws of the committee, and the qualifications for the LUC. Knowledge in Land Use is important, and experience is welcome. How the process works - Once the Application form is filled out. The two Chairs and other members will conduct the interviews. 10 minute interviews each. Then the three selections are made, and the nominees are sent to the CVTC for approval. Ines put forth the following tentative timeline. Deadline to turn in the application would be Feb. 17th, and then schedule meetings through the 23rd. So by the 24th the candidates will be selected. They inform candidates, and inquire about their continued interest in the LUC. Then at the next General meeting, the 25th, we can vote for the perspective members recommend by the LUC. President Leon advises Ines to use LUC email address to better isolate and keep

track of the emails. Hopefully this can be done for both Ines and Cheryl. Projects in the area - Foothill and Briggs - Rep from Owner has contacted regional planning. They have completed revisions, but need owners to hire engineers to complete work. The project at 2434 Foothill Blvd. is a mixed project (commercial and housing). It will be a four story structure. Planner did respond, and it is by right. No public hearing, no community comments. They have been mindful to the "CSD". By the end of the month we should have comments and drawings from regional planning. The project on Foothill, next to Walgreens and across from Shell - Approved by regional planning. No permit issued yet, so project in preliminary stages. Councilmember Leon asks about Whiting Woods - Notes the construction is on the Glendale side, and it is a big project. President Leon asks Mr. Michaels on his thoughts, and he confirms - not enough info to get involved at this point. The project at 2760 Fairmont Ave - This is about a fence between two properties, and this has been forward to regional planning for consideration. Finally, the LUC has received one Public hearing letter, and one yellow letter.

9. Community Announcements (2 minute)

- a. Library: Martha Wiggins gave updates on the library. Library still offering sidewalk services. Still one of the high performing libraries in the state. The library offers free printing. Weekly book club, about 12 people meet online, and read 1 book a month. Most of the staff is doing disaster services work/help. One is helping at vaccinations centers. One is doing data entry for one of the big hospitals. Very small crew left, but they are still doing a lot.
- b. Park & Rec - No update given
- c. American Legion – Mr. Baldwin gave the following updates. At the Legion memorial hall, the ADA required redoing the handicap ramp. It is now flatter, safer and clearly marked. They raised the ramp on the backside of the building to maneuver better. New handicap parking. New doors installed. One of the last items left is the hand railing. American legion thanks everybody for their contributions.
- d. Prom Plus – No update given
- e. Fire House/ Mary O'Keefe - No update given

10. 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.

- a. Mike Baldwin - He made his first appointment for vaccination. Openings at a facility near Hansen Dam. Website is not easy to navigate, but there are openings. Councilmember Ear asked Mike to share website via the chat.

Website: County of LA - Covid. Councilmember Lewin - The website is very confusing and not user friendly.

11. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Revised Treasurer's report was circulated by email. Audit sent report was sent out yesterday. Audit was done within time limits, and everything balanced out. Motion to approve Audit report by Councilmember Rabinov. Seconded by Councilmember Ordubegian. Approved unanimously. Arum, Desiree, and Jo Ann will send out the approved document shortly. Revised Budget, which has been circulated. Motion to approve by Councilmember Stupakis. Seconded by Councilmember Ear. Approved unanimously. The bank needs proper documentation for Donna to be able to conduct business as the new Treasurer. Motion to circulate letter for Donna to be certified as CVTC Treasurer by Councilmember Ordubegian. Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved unanimously.
- b. Youth Council – No update given
- c. Correspondence: Councilmember Ear provided the following update - All mail has been picked up and distributed.
- d. Streets and Transportation - Councilmember Rabinov gave the following updates - The minutes of late months meeting have been distributed. The next meeting will be on February 26th. Items to be discussed - The various street projects underway. Bulb outs at various locations. Looking at speeding at Rosemont & La Crescenta Ave., as well as around the high school area. Hopefully soon we'll get a report back from the County on their findings. Open Streets application has been submitted, there may be an update on that. There will be an update on soundwall, but also have a discussion about additional funding (Grant Agreement for additional funding). The Safe Routes to School county prioritization is through a SCAG application, which does include our area. This was submitted Dec. 11th, and we may receive feedback from the County. Since the Complete Streets application wasn't successful the last 3 years, County staff will use internal funds to get a study done on the feasibility for our area. We'll get an update on the Electric vehicle stations in development. The likely locations for these will be parks, the library and other areas of need. Councilmember Leon asks if we need a support letter for the SRTS Grant - application. Councilmember Rabinov responds that this has already been submitted, and what the prioritization is done, we'll see where we end up ranked.
- e. EC Meeting - Councilmember Leon provides the following update - La Crescenta sign is that it will be demolished, and will have to be rebuilt. It will take a little time to complete.
- f. By-Laws Committee - General Comments - We need to look into updates to the By-Laws, and possibly look into seeing if there can be a little more flexibility with our fundraising options. We are all going through tough times, but we need to work on

fundraising and adaptation. Councilmember Rabinov proposes brainstorming about fundraising, and splitting up into groups. President Leon will distribute committee lists, but will set aside fundraising for now. We will look into grants, and look into the possibility of the Supervisor's office helping out.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.