



General Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:03 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Councilmember Ahlers
3. Invocation: Led by Councilmember Ahlers
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Lewin, Rodriguez, Ahlers, Libra, Mueller, Baghdassarian, Yu, and Madsen Not Present: Ordubegian and Kilpatrick.
5. Approval of April Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Mueller. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of May Meeting Agenda, **Revised Agenda** (Move Streets & Transportation to item L. of the Community Reports) **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Libra. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
7. Appointing of the 3rd Alternate by the President of the CVTC – Dr. Suh (Anesthesiologist), has served on the Town Council before (2 times). He’s a member of the N. American Korean Federation of Los Angeles. He was a Cabinet Member of the S. Korea Unification Bureau. He’s lived in CV for the last 20 years. **Motion** to accept to Dr. Suh as the 3rd Alternate of the CV Town Council by Councilmember Ahlers. Seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved Unanimously. President Leon Issues his name and bio to be posted on the CVTC Website and Facebook.
8. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – No update given.
 - b. Sheriff – Captain Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – April report – Part One Crimes - two aggravated assaults (with 3 victims), one residential and commercial burglary and 8 larcenies. Part Two Crimes - 4 vandalisms, 3 fraud/identity theft incidents. Traffic Statistics - 161 citations and 27 warnings issued in April. Part One Crimes and Catalytic Converter numbers decreased in April compared to March. I have a flyer that I’ll be passing out at the car show this weekend in Re: residential burglary/keeping your home safe. Our Command Post is operational, and your welcome to come by to see it. We deployed a speed trailer at

the community members location who spoke at last week's meeting about speeding in his area. The resident was happy it was placed there, and said it was always welcome. President Leon comments - Thank you for coming to the special meeting with the Supervisor's Office (In Re: Speeding) and all the efforts of your department to enforce parking and speeders in our area.

CVTC Announcement – There will be no Zoom availability for the 6/16/2022 General Meeting. The meetings will now be in person.

- c. Fire Department – Miss Maria Grycan gave the following updates - Fire report was distributed via email. For the Month of April we had a total of 50 responses, 33 were medical calls and 20 patients were transported. There was 1 vehicle fire. Ready, Set, Go program is starting with fire season around the corner. We try and get homeowners to be proactive in taking a look at their home and personal belongings in case of an emergency. A checklist will be to passed out to prepare your home for a brush fire. As an example, you can harden your home by closing any gaps to keep the embers on the outside and not in your house. There is also a Crisis Communication Card (a magnet) that gives you information on where to go for certain emergencies. You can visit our website at fire.lacounty.gov for more information. President Leon comments - When I text you, you're always there and always answer. Thank you for all you do in the community.
- d. CHP – Officer Bay gave the following updates – For the month of April - we had 3 traffic collisions, one involving a pedestrian. We were present during the special meeting that was called In Re: Speeding. From that meeting, we did targeted enforcement near CV High School as well as La Crescenta Ave. It think it helped, as we issued a lot of citations and I tried to do as much education as possible. Upcoming events - We'll be a part of the classic hot road show at the park this weekned. We have a fiesta day parade at the end of the month coming up. Explorer program – For ages 15-19 years old, where you can learn and see what it's like to be in law enforcement. Teen driving program is starting to ramp up. We gave a presentation on what to expect as a new driver recently. Councilmember Mueller – I loved seeing officer Bay in action out in our area. He did a great job. President Leon comments – Appreciate you being at the meeting with the Supervisor's office. It was great to have you there. Thank you for all your doing out there in the our community. Let's continue work together to make things safer.
- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Steve Pierce gave the following updates - Successful mixer at the woman's club. It was a lot of fun being with other members of the community. We had around 75 people attend. There is a silent auction currently going on. Go to our website to see a list of items and the current bid. Golf event coming up on June 24th at Scholl Canyon, We are expected around 72 players to play. There will be food provided, driving range balls etc. etc. If you have any questions just call the Chamber's phone number at 818 248-4947. We have Armed Forces Day on June 21st, at CV Park from 10 to 2. There will be military vehicles, live music, food trucks etc. etc. The event will be honor of Roy Allmon. Miss Chessum asks the following question - Office Depot sign is missing letters and looks in a state of disrepair. Who can we talk to about that. Mr. Pierce answers – Reach out to me tomorrow so we can discuss it further. President Leon comments – Thank you for all you do

in the community. We appreciate you putting on the successful Hometown Country Fair, and thank you for allowing us to be there.

- f. CV Cert – No update given.
- g. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given
- h. CV Water – Mr. James Lee gave the following updates – The historic drought still persists. Foothill Water Agencies are moving together from yellow to the orange level of conservation on June 1st. We are moving to two days of watering (Tues and Saturday). In the early hours and evening hours. We are okay in terms of water supply. We have other connections to water, like the Colorado river, and our own drain water. We have downward pressure on our budget, but we want to keep a resilient infrastructure during this time. Project in the area - Valve replacement on Briggs. Los Olivos main line replacement project that should be wrapping up at the end of this month. Other one on Alabama starting after that. Councilmember Ahlers asks a question – Can you talk a little more about the orange level of conservation starts on June 1st. Mr. Lee answers – It basically means you can water on Tuesday and Saturday, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Lewin asks a question - Are the areas near the freeway going to be reducing how much they are going to be watering and the time they do so. I've seen them watering mid-day and it going everywhere. Answer – Caltrans is responsible for the watering those areas. As we move into higher level we can enforce it, but right now it's voluntary for them.
- i. CVCA – No update given.
- j. GUSD – Superintendent Dr. Ekchian gave the following updates - heading quickly till the end of the school year. Graduation on June 13th. We have a Board meeting on May 31st specifically to recognize our students, staff and organizations. We've run into an interesting scenario as we near the end of the school year. Before the pandemic we offered after school child care for around 1800 students, during the pandemic it was 1200, now it's 2600, and next year we're expecting 4500 students. We are posting positions for after school care to try and fill positions to meet the demand. Please refer people to me or HR if you know of anyone who would be interested. We don't shy away from support even after school. As employees are hired we'll continue to offer more spots for after school care. Tomorrow in the boardroom we have a modest but fun going away party for Greg Krikorian. He's a long time board member and will be missed.
- k. Land Use Committee – Miss Ines Chessum gave the following updates – In Re: Removing parking requirement for multi family housing. The county is now developing recommendation since they've received feedback from the community. In the meetings they had, there we a lot of community members that expressed anger for this proposal. Around the Fall of this year they'll make recommendation to the community. One Land Use Member who is a developer, admits it's very attractive to not have to build infrastructure for parking. SB9 – Regional Planning has told us that we'll need to wait until they are done with E. San Gabriel area plan before they can move to us. They want a more comprehensive/cohesive approach, and are doing this in phases. We sent a letter to Supervisors office that we don't want to wait for that to happen. We also need to focus on the new and old ADU rules. Currently you can have a single family home, a ADU (with some size restrictions) and then a jr. ADU (so three units). In some cases you can have 5 ADU's on one lot. Our infrastructure can't handle that type of influx of people. Please send a letter to the CVTC to forward to Supervisor's office about objective design standards. This can reduce

the volume not the total no. of units Councilmember Ahlers – can you explain how the objective design standards are received/implemented by the County. Miss Chessum answers -There are overall development laws for the county. Cities can have their own laws governing development, and unincorporated areas typically have CSD to deal with development. La Crescenta has a CSD which mainly deals with R3's and the Foothill corridor. We want to incorporate language about R1's into our CSD that currently doesn't exist. ADU are still allowed in fire zones but fire zones are exempt from SB9. President Leon comments – What is the recommendation of the LUC for the parking regulations and the SB9 – Miss Chessum answers – We need to wait on the parking, as they are still developing that. They have gathered info and will submit a proposal. Until we know what the ordinance is... we can't say we don't want it. We have been very clear that we don't want this in our community. Their argument is it makes housing affordable. Every community put their foot down. Altadena is much more impacted than us, and they are up in arms. President Leon comments – Is there anything we can do to get ahead of this, even if we don't know exactly what the proposal will be. Miss Chessum answers – we can send a letter to Supervisor's office saying we are very concerned about this new parking ordinance in place. President Leon - Please have a recommendation and/or draft letter to the Supervisor's office ready at our next meeting. Councilmember Rodriguez asks the following question – Would it help if we sent a joint letter with other communities. Would that make it more of a power message. Miss Ines Chessum answers – Yes, I don't think it would hurt to have numerous communities on Record saying they don't want it. That can never hurt. President Leon comments – I just want to stay ahead of things, and continue to get feedback from our community. Please work with our Outreach committee to get the word out there on these issues.

- I. Streets and Transportation – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates – La Crescenta Ave resurfacing project – Continuing to make progress, reviewing the crosswalk configurations that were proposed, including where continental crosswalks could go. More information coming in the Fall. I continue to talk to them on a regular basis. Active Transportation Plan for Foothill did their presentation to Glendale and La Canada. Next they are planning a bike audit. Looking to install ADA crosswalks on Prospect Ave. There is 9 million dollars of the 60 million dollars needed to build the wall. They are looking to see how much they can build for 10 million dollars. Public question – Mr. Michael Dickson asks – Has there been any other speed analysis done to address speeding up La Crescenta Ave. near Orange and other areas of concerns. Maybe installing stop signs. Councilmember Mueller answers– There are certain requirement to even get a stop sign in certain areas. The county comes out to run counts on foot/car traffic in certain areas/intersections. We have more enforcement out there. We are going to have forum in June – it will be a community forum to try and get ideas and thoughts about what we can do about this speeding issue. Follow-up question - There are still signs all over the place that are in bad condition Councilmember Mueller answers - It's on my agenda to look into those signs, and what we can do about them. Give me another month and I'll get the county to work on fixing the signs or taking them away.

9. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Miss Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – Not much is happening. We are a 7 day a week library, 60 hours a week. This Saturday the Need a Bike Dance Art meets in the meeting room.
- b. Park & Rec – Supervisor Jason Hauser gave the following updates – We have the Armed forces day at CV Park at 10 a.m. there will be food trucks, and a car show. A few events coming up... We Rise – May 26th from 6-8 p.m. This will feature music and meditation in the park. We have an artist coming in to play the guitar. We had our Shakespeare event that went okay, not too many people but they did a great job. Movie Night in the Park starting on May 28th starting around 8 p.m., and running every other Saturday for the summer. There will be food trucks out there as well. Mr. Hauser passes our a crime statistics in our park spreadsheet he received from the Parks Bureau. President Leon comments – Did you get your new big screen yet. Mr Hauser answers No. President Leon comments– I signed for it, you should get it. You can sign up for summer camp/programs on our website (parkslacounty.gov)
- c. American Legion – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates -
- d. Promplus – Mary O’Keefe gave the following updates - We need volunteers on June 4th to June 5th. We need at least 35 volunteers by May 23rd because we can’t do it safely without adults. We’ve sent out letters about this. You can contact me directly at Mary O’Keefe at the CVWeekly. It’s very important for the kids to have a place to go after prom. We have 300 prom dresses that have been donated. We have the dresses at the firehouse. We loaned them to schools all around our area. We have a coupon they can use to get it cleaned
- e. Firehouse – Open every Wednesday from 7:30 till 9 a.m. for Rosemont students. We are hoping to open on Thursday evening as well for the high school kids. We are excited to get up and running again on Thursday. We’re working with the Chase, Taylor Malone foundation for this. There is a need in our community. Councilmember Lewin asks– How many volunteers do we have for promplus now. Answer we have around 12 now.

10. **Quick Update from you LA County Rep. on the board of GLAVCD, Aedes Mosquitos – How can you help prevent their spread and how to get help.** Steve Goldsworth in a member of our land use committee. A former VP of the CVTC. He’s on our CV rescue team. Presentation - Vector control which is black flies and mostly mosquitos. As a member of the public you’ve already paid to service your property. We’ll come out help you out. If you’re having a problem with aedes, they don’t go far, so they are likely in your lot or your neighbor’s. If so, please pick up the phone and call us. It’s absolutely free. Introduces Helen Kuan (562 944 9656 ext. 519) Who is a community liaison for vector control. Miss Kuan passes out a map of their coverage area and routes. We often treat public areas like channel, gutters, and parks, but also treat private locations. We try and educate people on where you can find the aedes mosquitos, and how to treat them. Sources are any place that has standing water. It could only be the size of a bottle cap of standing water. It can take only 7 days for them to lay eggs and hatch mosquitos. They prefer very small sources of water. Some are only out during the morning and evening, while the black and white mosquitos are aggressive/biting all day long. Best way to combat them is to remove water sources. Passes out a mosquito checklist on

what you can look for them around your property to help eliminate the mosquitos. I can always come back again, and work with you. Please visit our website at GLA.mosquito.org. Questions from the Council/Public - Can a resident tell which houses are being treated already so you don't call about a residence/place already being treated. Miss Kuan answers – No, that is more of an internal function, but you can reach out. Question – what do you use to treat them and what is the origin of the aedes mosquito. Miss Kuan answers – larvicide is what we use. We try and suffocate the mosquito in the water. The aedes mosquito was found in El Monte in 2011. It now has spread like wildfire. Question = A lot of people have flowering pots where the water stays there after draining. Can you use the donut shaped mosquito application that you can find at Home Depot etc. Miss Kuan answers – They do help, and last around 30 days. It works, but the best methodology is to remove the water source. Question - Yard drains, how to do you treat those – Miss Kuan answers – You can look into screening your yard drains quarterly so they can't fly in there. They can't get through the mesh. Question – When is mosquito season. Miss Kuan answers – Because of our climate in CA it's year round. Question - Does the larvicide kill fish. Miss Kuan answer – No it won't kill fish. Question - Are you checking the basins/channels that we have in the area or other public sources. Miss Kuan answer – Yes, we try and target those areas regularly to stay ahead of things. Surprisingly they thrive in drought like conditions. Doesn't make sense, but they thrive in those areas. President Leon comments – Thank you for being here to give this presentation to our community. It was very informative and we appreciate it.

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.

- a. Miss Rola – There are two new LA county wireless/cell tower ordinances that could potentially be passed. I emailed a perspective letter to send to the Supervisor's office on May 11th. The contents of the letter was much the same as we had previously written in 2019. That was a position letter in conjunction with the CVTC. We asked for the notification policy to be changed (currently they don't need to alert you or get your approval to put a small cell tower on your property) We asked that ordinance provide setback installations near homes. There is no testing done on the affects they can have on us. We are in a high fire zone, and many of more recent fires were started cell towers. We have concerns over the way these are installed, as the process goes from subcontractor to subcontractor during the building process. We are asking for liability insurance for every single facility put in. Fiberoptics is best practices and produce the fastest internet speeds you can get. Why are we then using these wireless towers instead? Because it's easier to install towers than fiberoptics. We want our ordinance to reflect this. We asked for ADA consideration and to not having these towers near those areas. We also don't want too many installed in close proximity. We would like somebody to go out there with readers to continually test what

the emission levels are. Fire monitoring is very important and we'd like to have someone constantly looking at this issue. The hearings for these ordinances will likely be around the start of summer. Council/Community Question – Earlier you made a reference to “we”, who does that refer to. Miss Rola answers– When the small cell facility was introduced on Briggs, we had over 290 residents sign a petition about this. Question - The meeting that you mention is coming up soon. What step is that in the overall process. Miss Rola answers - The commission passed the ordinances in March, and now it goes to the County Supervisors. This will be around summer. We are okay with an ordinance but one that protects us better. That didn't happen with the way these were written. A consulting firm tried to write the ordinance but it was rejected because of conflicts. The telecommunication companies then hired a telecom law firm to write the ordinance. Therefore it didn't really reflect the feedback we submitted and our concerns weren't addressed. President Leon comments – I'll bring this up to the council at the EC meeting. Let's see if we can echo the same sentiment as we did from 2019 and get a letter sent to the Supervisor's office. I'd like the new members to have time to digest this issues properly before making any decisions. We appreciate all your hard work and staying on top of this issue for the community.

12. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra reads the April Treasury report (distributed to the Council). **Motion** to approve April treasury report by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
- b. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – Not much mail. We did have a check for the prayer breakfast. Not much else. For the special meeting – We had a historic meeting with reps from GUSD, CHP, Sheriff, and Supervisor's office. It was a great event. Since then the schools have staggered their start times to decrease traffic. We decided we'll do more outreach and get more feedback from the community. We will have a meeting with the community and the reps at the special meeting in June. Please attend if you can. President Leon comments – It was very productive. The EC was very concerned with this issue and all the reps listened and all pledged to work together to address the problem. It was historic that everybody came and participated. We realized that agencies weren't communicating with one another, and after the meeting, they started communicating/collaborating the next day. They are aware of frustration, and are really going to look into the issue. GUSD can help to facilitate bringing the information to the parents about the impact they are having with the speeding. The CHP did issue a lot of citations for speeding, texting, double parking. Streets and Transportation and Outreach committees will organize another meeting with the reps and community. We want a traffic study done around the schools. I talked with the resident from Ramsdell and asked him to be there at the next meeting. We'll also have a sign-in sheet at the meeting so we can send a follow-up letter to each person.
- d. Scholarship Committee – Councilmember Yu gave the following updates – We have met and made a decision on the winners. There were 12 people who applied. Two days of interviews and we hope to award 6 recipients. The awards will be presented next week.
- e. Outreach Committee – Councilmember Baghdassarian gave the following updates –

- f. Prayer Breakfast – Councilmember Ahlers gave the following updates – Guest Speaker was great and did so on short notice. Unfortunately the high school choir couldn't make it. We brought in around \$2100 that can go towards our scholarship program. It was a successful event, even with some of the last minute changes. We are very appreciative of the Legion and VFW for hosting the event. They did a great job. President Leon comments– I'd also like to thank Councilmember Ahlers for all her hard work, the American Legion for hosting the event, and for all the sponsor who help provide food/services at the event. Also, thank you to the councilmembers for their participation and hard work. Great job to all.

13. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.