



General Council Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:03 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Youth Councilmember Roan Thibault
3. Invocation: Led by Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum.
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Lewin, Rodriguez, Ahlers, Libra, Mueller, Kilpatrick, Yu, Baghdassarian, Ordubegian Not Present: Madsen and Suh
5. Approval of July Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Baghdassarian , Seconded by Councilmember Kilpatrick . Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of August Meeting Agenda (Amendment to meeting – presentation for scholarships moved to Agenda item 7 section A) **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Ordubegian. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – Presentation of the Scholarship committee winners. We had 12 applications submitted. We were very impressed with all of the applicants. We selected 6 to receive the scholarship. They were: Erin Hong; Ashley Park – brother accepts the award on her behalf and comments - She at currently at Cornell and sorry you couldn't be there; Manah Davityan; Peter Lee – Dad accepts the award on his behalf and comments - I've been in the area for 20 years. Always wanted to attend meeting, and now I'm finally here. Manah is currently majoring in computer science; Freddie Ireland – mother accepts award on his behalf and comments - he's currently traveling around Europe for the summer. He appreciates this very much. Freddie is studying computer science at Cal Poly; and Roan Thibault who comments - I'll be using the scholarship money to go to UC Davis where I'm majoring in Political

Science. I spent 3 years on the Youth Council and it was a great experience.

President Leon Comments – Congrats to all the winners and thank you for being a true member of the community. After college, we look forward to seeing you all back in the community.

- b. Sheriff – Captain Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Report for July – Part 1 Crimes – 1 residential burglary, 3 commercial burglaries, and 3 GTA's. We're still working on solving the burglaries. We also had 6 fraud incidents. 141 citations and 48 warnings issued. We've seen a 13% Increase in citations written year to date. Another etching event is coming soon. The new SRO of CV High School is Bostnick Gregorian. He's a local guy and speaks a few languages. We have another big event coming up in Halloween where the Command Post will be on display. Supervisor Kathryn Barger was at the National Night Out. It was a good time had by all
Community Question – Safe Streets in Sunland/Tujunga. We have a low morale in the LAPD. Please write more tickets in the Sunland/Tujunga area. Captain Hahnlein Answers – We can't really go there looking for things. It's out of our jurisdiction. In other news - We are moving forward with the flock cameras. We're trying to get some details straightened out, but we already have the funding for them. I asked for 12 cameras and we got 9. Question/Comment – Glendale PD is also incorporating flock cameras. Community organization can pay for the flock cameras. There are ways to work with the County and organizations. Glendale have their foundation, and their foundation takes control of the camera. Capt. Hahnlein Answers – We do have support groups that can help. They know we want these cameras, so I keep calling. Also note, we have 3 radar trailers that can pick up license plates as well.
- c. Fire Department – Fire Chief Carl Flores gave the following updates – Fire Station headquarters in on Hampton and Foothill. Stats for the month of July – We had 60 responses. 44 medical calls with 33 people transported to the hospital. We did have 2 fires. One on the 13th was caused by a downed powerline. We also had a dumpster fire with minimal damage. Fire Station 63 off of Ramsdell is your local station. We are distributing more notification radios soon. These will be for instructing people about evacuation procedures/updates. We had about 122 people register to receive a radio and about half of them were given out. The CVTC has a link on it's website where you can register for a radio. Fire safety tip of the month – Pools are dangerous for kids. Don't leave toys in the pool nor kids unattended.
- d. CHP – Officer Boyd gave the following updates – Statistics for the month of July – There were 23 traffic collisions. 8 of those were on Angeles Crest highway and 4 resulted in injury. In Little Tujunga Canyon there were 3 TC's and 2 injuries. We had 6 in La Crescenta with 3 injuries. Drive slower and safer. We did a Start Smart presentation recently where we promoted driver safety for our current up and coming drivers. Safety Tip of the month - Walk on the opposite side of the street so you can see traffic coming. Council Members Lewin and Baghdassarian comment – You two did a great job with the Start Smart presentation and we really appreciate

the presentation you both did. Councilmember Ahlers comments – My son is taking his driving test next week so thank you for helping to prepare him. President Leon comments – I agree with my Council Members sentiments and it was very informative and an engaging presentation. Thank you for all your doing in the community.

- e. CV Chamber – No update given.
- f. CV Cert – No update given.
- g. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given.
- h. CV Water – Mr. Ochoa gave the following updates - We get our water from a few places – Colorado river/Lake Mead, N. California water supplies, and we have groundwater collection sources. We are a part of and work with Foothill Municipal Water District. Metro supplies water to the whole area. Sep 6 – 20 no outdoor water use. Metro has a major pipeline that needs to be repaired. We are asking that no irrigation be done during that time. We have information on what to do before the water shutdown. This community has done a great job in saving water when times get tough. We have done better than most communities around us.
Questions - Councilmember Lewin – I still notice a lot of watering happening on the 210 freeway and offramps, is that recycled water being used. Mr. Ochoa answers – No, it's not recycled water being used. We'll have to talk with CalTrans about the irrigating their doing in our area. Question - Where are the repairs being done to this main line. Mr. Ochoa answers - It's in the Inland Empire. Near the 10 Freeway and Santa Ana river. Question - What happens if people don't conserve water. Mr. Ochoa answers – Nothing. We will still provide water. We can't really implement a hard restriction. Question - Are we still at Orange level and what are the state of things in general. Mr. Ochoa answers - Currently we are at orange level, which means, only 2 days of watering. Certain areas are also restricting water use indoors. Every area/district is different. There is a lot of concerns with Lake Mead. We are negotiating what will happen with Lake Mead's water if this drought continues. Metro does have a storage of water but there may be restrictions on how much they can use. There could be a LA Nina situation again. We'll need to go into a different allocation if the Colorado River continues to go lower. Question - If we are in a water drought how will we be able to sustain all this new construction they are proposing. Mr. Ochoa answers – La Crescenta 95% built out already and there isn't much to build. Plus all the new construction needs to be built to code which actually helps us out. Question - Can you talk about the rate increases . Mr. Ochoa answers – Most of the grants went to infrastructure. Part went to operating costs. We are thankful this community approved the rate increase. We appreciate it.
- i. Armine Sargsyan (Outreach Analyst) from the California Department of Insurance – We've been working on the Safer from Wildfire framework for a number of years. We wanted to give consumers clear actions on what they can do to make their house safer in the event of a wildfire. There are now ways to decrease your wildfire

risk score. I have printouts in the back. You can do things like make you walls, vents, roof, and windows are fire proof. Make sure your deck is protected. Clear all dead vegetation. We want to make sure your community is protected. This should go into effect in Jan 2023. There are things you could do to decrease your premium. Insurance agencies are required to take into account the things you done to reduce your risk. Homeowners policy should take into account the things you've done to reduce your liability. You will have the ability to appeal a decision If you don't agree with your wildfire risk determination score. I'd like to come back and do a more thorough presentation once things are finalized with the program. Questions – I've had friends who have had the insurance canceled who live in the area. Will this help. Answer – Yes, that is the exact reason for developing this framework and risk assessment score/determination. We can't mandate an insurance companies to serve a community or specific members. We have no control over that. You can visit Insurance.c.gov. and look for the Home insurance finder tool. Plug in your zip code and it should bring a list of who is writing insurance in your area. Currently only 40% of the insurance market are offering discounts when you harden your home. After this goes into effect it will be 100%

- j. CVCA – Mr. Grant Michaels gave the following updates – Meeting next week on the 25th. The CVWD will be there. He's going to be talking about these same issues we just heard about today. We also are going to have the fire insurance rep at our meeting. The La Crescenta Repaving project will also be discussed at our next meeting. Unity Church Project – a permit has been applied for in Glendale to comply with SB1818. This is now the third project at that site. It's proposed to be 48 apartment units. It's on Montrose Ave. near La Crescenta at Unity Church. President Leon – We always appreciate you coming to our meeting to inform the community of various issues we are facing, and for presenting it at the CVCA meetings.
- k. GUSD – Boardmember Jenifer Freeman gave the following updates – School is back and we're excited. We had great start to the school year. Remember about traffic safety now that we're back. Superintendent Dr. Etchian gave the following updates – We have the best students around. The students from last year mostly all returned and we had 600 new students. Thank you to law enforcement for doing a great job out there on the streets. Thank you to the community for listening and doing their part to drive safely in our community. The message has worked, and we continue to send out information about driving safer. We have more TK classes and added another 100 students now that enrollment starts in February. Projects - Clark School Project ribbon cutting ceremony will be very soon. Verdugo Woodlands bridge is almost done. CV high school construction is still going forward and we are excited about that. There is still construction going on at Monte Vista. Council Members – Thank you for all your help with the traffic issue. It made a difference getting the word out there and the education you're trying to provide to our

- students In Re: Traffic safety. President Leon comments – Thank you for all you both do, and all the staff are doing. Everyone is doing a great job and we really appreciate all your hard work during such difficult times. Question – In Re: Safety Improvement Project - Does the school district support these projects that are trying to make things safer. Superintendent Etchian answers - We have supported Safe Streets. We are in monthly discussions with Mayor of Glendale. More parking for staff is one idea we're looking to implement. President Leon comments – We also have special meeting(s) to identify the Safe Route to School and we're trying to get the program implemented for our community. Staggered school starting times has also helped as well as parents walking their kids more. **Special Announcement from President Leon** – We are working on the appointment two or three members of our community to the La County Youth Commission. One of them is Sophia Ordubegian and the other is Seline.
- I. Land Use Committee – Councilmember Kilpatrick gave the following updates – The state has passed a lot of things recently. Including ADUs where you can build a second unit on a single family lot. There also other laws that allow you to split a lot into two lots and then zone each lot so you can build two units on each. We are trying to work with the County to mitigate how some of the proposed construction we hear about an look like. Most of these are already laws, so we are more concerned with implementation and reducing the impact to our community. On September 28th we will have the County at our LUC meeting to discuss these topics and I hope everyone can attend.
 - m. Streets and Transportation – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates – Everything is pretty quiet. We are continuing to monitor the La Crescenta Re-Pavement project, soundwall, and other issues before the committee.
8. Community Announcements (2 minutes)
- a. Library: Miss Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – This Sat. the historical society to do a CHiPS in LA program presentation. John Newcome will be doing the presentation. We will be starting monthly performance programs again. We are still no. 2 in the County for book circulation. Capacity of the Library is at 40 people. We have really reduced capacity.
 - b. Park & Rec – No update given
 - c. American Legion – No update given
 - d. Promplus – No update given
9. Update from Rustom Tavitian and colleagues – City of Glendale Public Works (La Crescenta Rehabilitation Project – Two design options that we're considering. We are doing a lot of outreach. We talked to a lot of communities. After outreach we will take our findings to our Transportation Commission and then Glendale City Council for final approval and how we'll move forward. A Presentation is shown. The project consists of

these major elements: Removal and replacement of pavement; Resurfacing of street pavement; Removal or replacement of non ADA infrastructure; Infrastructure for capturing groundwater; Traffic signal modifications and fiber optic infrastructure; Planting of new trees; Use of Cool pavement; New striping and pavement markings including creative crosswalks; New Bicycle facilities as recommended by the Bicycle Transportation Plan. Anticipated construction timeline of Spring 2023 – Fall 2023. Project location is on La Crescenta Ave., from N. Verdugo Rd. to Montrose Ave. We're going to be discussing the Bicycle facility study, which has two alternatives. 1. A class 2 bike lane with a dedicated protected lane or 2. A class 3 bike lane with share the road markings. Option 1 will reduce travel lanes to one lane in each direction and include a middle lane for turning. Option 2 will keep both lanes and it will be a shared lane with cars. We did a Safety benefit analysis, and believe we'll see a 30% reduction in collisions. It will likely increase traffic on others parallel and adjacent streets and reduce traffic in this repurposing corridor. We'll see a decrease in traffic on La Crescenta. Community questions/comments – Patrick Murphy I live on Sycamore Ave. we have a major concern related to the traffic that will divert to our streets. Traffic will back up and go to our area. Most of the residents prefer option no. 2 and don't want option no. 1. I'd like more distribution to notify the community of the proposed construction of this project. There needs to be more outreach. We need direct mail to the residents who will be impacted by this project. There isn't a risk assessment of what happens when traffic gets diverted. Frank Colcord – 39 year resident. It's perfect for biking and it's a good idea. I strongly support option no. 1. Alex Cortrossov comments – I'm on the City Sustainable Commission and have served on the Transportation Commission. I'm in support of option 1. Staff report is going to the Traffic Commission on Monday which does show the direct mail went out to residents in the area. The main contention I have with how the presentation was presented is that this doesn't just benefits cyclists, and is a benefit to all. There have been 150 crashes along this corridor over the last 10 years. These improvements will reduce that number, and one major reason is the introduction of the center turn lane. The average speed along this corridor is 46 mph and we need to slow things down. Council Member comments/questions - How many of the 150 collisions mentioned resulted in death. Answer – We don't have the collision data so we'll need to get back to you. Question – I have a concern about the fire department getting up and down La Crescenta Ave. Also in the event of an emergency I'm concerned about the traffic congestion this would cause. Have you spoken to emergency agencies and gotten their approval. Answer – We received no feedback from the Fire Department or any other Agency about Option 1 not working with their needs. Also, in the event of an emergency you'll be able to use the middle lane as needed. Comment – I also have concerns about the traffic this will cause for the people in the immediate area as well as the needs of emergency department. Answer – that is why we are here. To get a feel for how the community feels about this potential project. We want to hear your thoughts and feedback. That is why we are here. Question – Was

a feasibility study done and what did it say. Answer – There was one done and it also included simulations we ran about what this would do to traffic in the surrounding areas. The study had two parts: Level of service analysis to what happens if you change traffic patterns; and a Global perspective of traffic in the surrounding area on total number of cars and miles traveled in and out of the area. That can help tells us how many people would use other streets because of this project and how this project would induce people to get out and ride more. The study did show that there would be more congestion on this corridor, but that it would still be within serviceable levels, and can be modified by signal frequency adjustments. Question – Where do we go from here. You mentioned getting feedback from other Town Councils and other organizations in the area, and then where does it go, back to the commission. Answer – It will ultimately go to the Glendale City Council for final approval. We are gathering feedback on both options mostly, and will also get feedback from the Transportation Commission, but ultimately it goes to the Glendale Town Council for final approval. It went to them first, and they wanted us to do more Outreach in the surrounding areas to gather more feedback. Question – Are the three main components of this project: Bicycle safety and slowing people down. Answer – Yes, but a third element as well, which is to reduce traffic on this corridor. Question – What is the deadline for us to submit our recommendation to you/Glendale Town Council and did your traffic study specifically look at peak hours of travel. Answer – Please have your friends and neighbors send us emails. You can contact me at rtavitian@Glendaleco.gov and can do so up until we go before the Town Council ideally. Likely around September 20th and yes, our feasibility study did directly focus on peak hours of traffic and the potential impact. Question – There was talk about making the Verdugo Wash a bike pathway and connecting that with CV Park. Answer – That project is the very early stages and is being handled by our Community Development Department. If that project goes forward, then yes, we'll look at ways to ensure that project will connect to the La Crescenta Ave project we just presented. That project is many years away, and this project is going to be coming up sooner. Comment – I agree La Crescenta Ave needs slower traffic, cars do speed. Question – Question about the bike accidents. Is there any data for bicycle accidents on this corridor. Answer – Based on the study that was prepared, we didn't have any evidence of bicycle accident on this corridor. Comment – The purpose of a bike lane is to increase bicycle safety. If there is no data of accidents involving bicycles in this area, then wouldn't it be better to focus on other areas for this kind of improvement. Answer – Our Bicycle and Transportation study did indicate certain corridors where bike lanes could be utilized and implemented as that street was being rehabilitated. La Crescenta Ave was 11th on that study. This is available online at our website. Again, our Town Council's vision is to incorporate active transportation elements into all our rehabilitation projects. Question – Are there other alternatives that could be done to slow down traffic instead of taking away a traffic lane. Answer – It's challenging to

tackle traffic speed with streets like this. Many alternatives aren't available on this type of street, and are more for residential streets.

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. Patrick Murphy – Postcards were not sent to the community members about the La Crescenta Rehabilitation Project. Nothing was sent. They need to slow things down on La Crescent through monitoring and enforcement. I'm not seeing the benefit of this project since it isn't very well traveled by cyclists and so I'm not seeing the purpose here. The total distance of this run is 1.7 miles. This isn't a commuter route as it connects to nothing at this point.

11. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra reads the July Treasury report (distributed to the Council). **Motion** to approve July treasury report by Councilmember Ordubegian. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously. **Motion** to add the new Vice President, Chris Kilpatrick, to the authorization banking card for the CVTC account by councilmember Ordubegian. Seconded by councilmember Libra. Approve Unanimously.
- b. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – No update given
- d. Scholarship Committee – Updates given during the Youth Council updates.
- e. Outreach Committee – Councilmember Lewin gave the following updates – Mulch and e-waste events were very well received. We'll be working on setting up the forum for SB9 and 10 and the forum on that. We'd also like to do Outreach on substance abuse in our community. We think it would be a worthwhile topic. If you know of somebody who can give a presentation on it please let me know. Sweatshirts are almost ready to go and will be sold for \$60,
- f. Pancake Breakfast – No update given
- g. Other announcements –

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.