



General Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:02 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Mr. Jerry Birdham – Quarter Master of the VFW
3. Invocation: Led by Mr. Mike Baldwin
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 August Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Baghdassarian , Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of September Meeting Agenda, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
7. Special Announcement/Presentation – President Leon presents Robbyn Battles with a community service and recognition award and makes the following comments – Thank you for coming here today and we are honored to have you. You continue to still serve our community in many ways and it’s a better place thanks to all your hard work over the years. You’ve helped many projects be realized and also served the community by being on the Town Council for many years. Thank you again for all you’ve done and continue to do.
8. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – Councilmember Yu gave the following updates – The Youth Council is currently going through its election and position selection process. We have incumbents who are returning and a total of 17 applications were submitted.

- b. Sheriff – Lt Phil Todd on behalf of Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates. Part 1 Crimes - 4 residential burglaries, 11 larcenies, 2 vandalism, 6 identity theft incidents. We issued a 173 citations and 74 warnings. Part 1 crimes decreased slightly from last month, and citations issued are up. We issued 108 the previous month. We also had 4 Catalytic Converter thefts in August. Community/Council Questions – What do you attribute the Increase in citations compared to last month. Lt. Todd Answers – It’s mostly attributed to having more cars on the streets and more of a presence in the community. Question – near Rosemont Elementary, cars were going around cones and that is very dangerous with all the kids out there. Lt. Todd Answers – Call us if you seem something like that and we’ll send somebody out there.
- c. Fire Department – Councilmember Kilpatrick gave the following updates – 70 responses, 55 of which were medical calls. No fires to report in August.
- d. CHP – No update given.
- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates – 9/11 motorcades went well and we went by all the schools in the area. First responders were there as well as the Early Rodders. Thank you to all those that participated. We have our Recognition Awards coming up. Anybody can submit a nomination for a member of the community. The fire department selects the winners not the Chamber. If anybody is interested in nominating somebody in the community who goes above and beyond, please do so. The deadline to turn in a submission in October 14.
- f. CV Cert – Mr. Paul Dutton gave the following updates – Cert is back. This next class will be the 40th that we’ve had. So far we’ve trained 180 people. We currently have 17 people signed up for the upcoming class and total of 30 spots available. Council Members should all be there to get certified. For this year’s program we are adding things like stopping bleeding and other Red Cross training that I’ve learned over the years. The Class is 24 hours of training. Book is about 265 pages. This may be our last class in a long time. Look forward to seeing you all there.
- g. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given.
- h. CV Water – No update given.
- i. CVCA – No updated given.
- j. GUSD – Superintendent Vivian Etchian gave the following updates – I’d like to thank the CV Chamber for the wonderful 9/11 motorcade event. It was a great event. Our students really appreciated it. Mr. Schick (band teacher at CV high school) is going to be recognized as GUSD teacher of the year. The presentation will be at the Sheriff station. Only 8 people can attend as we are still under covid restrictions. Mr. Schick would go house to house during the pandemic to lift students spirits and keep them engaged. He has always gone above and beyond and motivates us all. Our enrollment is up. At most schools enrollment is down. Rosemont traffic issue was addressed at one of our meetings, and is an issue we are working on. We’ll continue to send out info to our parents about driving safely. President Leon made the

following comments – I wanted to thank all your faculty and staff for all you do for our students. You do an amazing job. Also, Dr. Etchian and Supervisor Kathryn Barger will be at our Mental Health and Substance Abuse Event on 10/17 and we hope to see you all there.

- k. Land Use Committee – Ms. Ines Chessum gave the following updates - We didn't meet this month. We continue to be very busy with the affordable housing issues that are coming out of Sacramento (ADU's and junior ADU's). These new laws mainly impact single family homes. The LUC has invited Regional Planning to come to our meeting and inform our community about these issues. This will take place on Wednesday, 9/28, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. One of the only things that prevents development is a having CSD (Community Standards District) that can curtail some of the development planned. Most cities have objective standards that are part of their city's regulations. We don't have that in our CSD, and thus we need to edit it in order to try and limit the type/volume of construction in our area. President Leon – is there anything we can do about looking into what is coming down the pipeline from Sacramento so we can stay ahead of it. Ms. Chessum Answers – I will look into somebody researching things, and also speak with Regional Planning to see if they know of what might be coming our way. Ms. Robbyn Battles comments – Local reps are for these types of bills. Ms. Friedman is front and center supporting these bills. Mr. Portantino is also in support of them. You can go online to watch what Senate bills are going through the pipeline. If you are diligent enough you can tell how each rep is voting. President Leon – Thank you for the information. These reps used to come to our meetings to discuss what is coming up, and I'll try and get them to do so again.

9. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Miss Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – We're having a Book Sale on 10/8, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.. We'll also be having a Bookmark Contest for grades K-12. Kids can design their own bookmark and could possibly win a prize. The deadline to submit is 10/29.
- b. Park & Rec – Ryan Hicks gave the following updates – I'm the New Sports Coordinator for this area. We're start Soccer from October. Then we'll start basketball after that. We also have the Everybody Plays Program and Seniors Program, as well as fun things like Ball Dancing. We'll be having a Trick or Treat event at CV Park on 10/29 from 8a.m. to 2 p.m. I'm also a part of the After Dark Program at different County Parks which focuses on getting the kids back in the parks. There has been a big drop of since Covid. President Leon comments – Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you in the future at our meetings.
- c. American Legion – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates – We had the biggest bingo event we've ever had in the 11 years we've been doing it. Thank you to everyone who sponsored and helped out at the event. We had a total 40

sponsors, and a 100 people who attended the event. Upcoming events – Search and Rescue event at CV Park. We'll also have a celebration for Veterans Day on November 11th at Two Strike Park.

d. Promplus – No update given

9. L.A.S.D Montrose search and rescue presentation by Cindy England and Robert Sheedy – We will be having a Search and Rescue event on Sept 24th at CV Park. There is an article about it in the CV Weekly. I'm honored to say that we've been serving the community for the last 75 years. We were formed in 1947 and have been involved in 5,500 situations. We are a non-profit organization. We rescue humans and animals. The event will go into our history and legacy. Fred Kegler has been on the team for 50 plus years. He knows everything. He's our historian. The other part of the event is fundraising. Much of our funding is from the Sherriff department and other donations we receive. As an example, we have 4 wench trucks to deal with certain emergencies. Three of those have come from various community members either gifting it to us or selling it to us at a great price. Some of the money raised will go to outfit new team members. We've been heavily recruiting people, and so far we're thankful to have a lot of applicants. It cost roughly \$5,000 to equipment new members with what they need. There are 4 or 5 options to make a donation to our team. At the event they'll be a petting zoo, climbing wall, food and inflatables. Question – Can you explain your breakdown of the profession(s) for team members. We have 25 teams members and 22 are sworn deputies. We have a few civilians but not many. From applicant to sworn deputy is a long process. Even if you don't make it, it's valuable information to know. We go through the same background check as formal deputy would go through. 6 months of EMT training. Mountain training could be 12 to 24 months. The training can take 3-5 years. Capt. Hahnlein and Kathryn Barger will be at the event. Our job is to save lives, reunite family members, and in the worst case, recover the deceased to bring them home to their family. Questions/Comments – You guys are amazing. I follow you guys all the time. You guys give a lot up for the community. Mr. Sheedy responds – Thank you. We get a lot help from VFW, Chamber, CV weekly, and other organizations and I'd also like to thank them. Question – Who is the first to be called if there is an incident – Generally the Fire department. All our equipment is at the station. We are coming from work or home, and need to change at the station before heading out. We have a great relationship with the Fire department. They'll leave a space for us at the accident and house all of our gear/equipment. Question – what about in the instances of a missing hiker – Fire may respond, but many times it will be us. We may have Air 5 respond via Fire to cover a wide area but it can only operate during the day. President Leon – Thank you for all your doing out there. We really appreciate you and the team.

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. No Public Comments.

11. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra reads the August Treasury report (distributed to the Council). **Motion** to approve August treasury report by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
- b. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – no update given.
- d. By-laws Committee – Councilmember Ordubegian gave the following updates – The Committee has met on a number of occasions to go over any possible edits to the By-laws. We have all spent a lot of time on this, and I thank everyone for their participation. The Committee has circulated the changes to the By-laws over the last couple of months. We've sent out a redline version to all council members so they can clearly see any proposed changes, and give their thoughts/comments on the possible changes. Per the By-laws, any changes need to be circulated/reviewed by Council, and then voted on during two separate occasions by all regular members. This meeting will constitute the first vote on the possible changes, and we'll have another vote on the changes at the October meeting. Sidebar – A brief discussion by the Council on handling the votes and logistics. **Motion** to accept all the changes notated in the redline version of the By-laws which was distributed to the Council for their review (redline version is considered to be the distributed, reviewed, and read version) by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Second by Councilmember Libra. President Leon comments - Thank you to all the councilmembers for all your hard work on everything. You all did a great job!! I'd also like to say thank you to Councilmember Ordubegian for all his hard work on this, and really doing most of the heavy lifting. Thank you, Aram.
- e. Streets and Transportation – County will be having an Active Transportation Bike Plan Audit on sept 24th . They will be riding bikes to look for possible enhancements and possible issues along the route. This event will be put on our website. The La Crescenta Pavement Resurfacing Project update will be sometime in Mid-October.

The work on Prospect to seal the gravel should be done in a week or two. We're working on Safe Routes to School Plan which looks to keep everyone safe walking to school. We are working on an Issue at Mountain Pine – Tree roots are buckling the sidewalk and damaging the gutter. Public works is on it and will take care of it. Received a complaint about Prospect and Rosemont and we've asked the County to look into putting a red marking on the sidewalk so you can't park there. It's hard to make a turn onto Rosemont from Prospect because of parked cars.

- f. Scholarship Committee – No update given.
- g. Outreach Committee – Councilmember Lewin gave the following updates – October 15th is the Pancake breakfast and October 17th will be the Metal Health event.
- h. Pancake Breakfast – The date is October 15th at CV quad. \$10 at the event. We've already gotten \$200 in donations for the Pancake Breakfast. Apple Link is also donating \$200.
- i. Election committee reports – Councilmember Kilpatrick gave the following updates – We've posted the CVTC applications on our website. Anybody who is a registered voter and resides in La Crescenta can turn in an application and run. The deadline to turn in your application is 10/19. The deadline to turn in absentee ballots is November 4th. These are also on our website. The election will be on Nov. 18 and 19th at St. Luke's.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.