



General Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:01 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Sophia Ordubegian
3. Invocation: Led by Pastor Manuel David – La Crescenta Baptist Church
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 September Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Kilpatrick, Seconded by Councilmember Ahlers. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of October Meeting Agenda, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
  - a. Youth Council – Councilmember Baghdassarian gave the following updates – We’ve had the pleasure of interviewing these exemplarily community members for the Youth Council and it’s my pleasure to read off the names of those who will now be sworn in as official Youth Town Council Members: Eric Eubank, Elliot Jang, David Kahdian, Emily Cha, Seline Hemelians, Caden Park, Chloe Baghdassarian, Sabrina Ordubegian, Daniel Kahdian, Ashley Kim and Hailey Mercer and Alternates: Alex Gopala, Joanne Lee and Tao Tokikawa. **Vice President Kilpatrick swears in** the new Youth Town Council Members. Councilmember Kilpatrick and President Leon make the following comments. Thank you for signing up for this. It’s something to be proud of and something you’ll hopefully will always remember. I look forward to working with each of you throughout the upcoming year; Congratulations, you are officially appointed as a public official. Wear this with pride and be a great model in

the community. We have a lot of work to do and I look forward to working with you to do it.

- b. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates. Part One crimes - 1 assault, 4 residential burglaries, 7 larcenies, 1 GTA, 2 catalytic converter incidents, and 5 identity theft incidents. We issued a 116 citations and 51 warnings. Part One crimes decreased and our citations have increased year to date. Trunk or Treat is coming up for Halloween on October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-8:30pm. at CV Park. Council/community questions to Cpt. Hahnlein - How did ShakeOut event go. Answer – We learned things we should’ve done better, but we also did a lot of things right. It was a very good exercise. Question – There is a homeless person living in a car in the Ralph’s parking lot and he has his stuff all over the parking lot. Answer – We had his car towed. We have been called out there when he harassed a customer. We’ve reached out to him about housing services. They are trying to get him housing, but he refuses to get services. He’s not mentally unstable. No criminal activity. He doesn’t meet the criteria of: being a danger to himself and others
- c. Fire Department – Miss Grycan gave the following updates – Report for the month of September - We had 53 responses, 39 were medical calls. 32 were transported. 1 fire on Foothill. It was a tree fire. 2 service calls for wires down. Safety tip of the month – Make sure your kids are wearing light colored clothing and carrying flashlights when trick or treating. Make sure your home is illuminated well. Working with Sheriffs soon to rollout the Zone Haven program. It’s a platform we can use for brush fires. We’ve broken down all the wildlife areas into zones and we will evacuate by zones. There is a public website where you can see more info about the different zones and where to go in the event of an emergency. This system puts us all on the same page. Council/Community questions answered by Miss Grycan - Where is the information going to be about Zone Haven. Answer – When we are ready we’ll distribute the information on where people can go to learn more. I believe the website will be [aware.zonehaven.com](http://aware.zonehaven.com). President Leon comments – Appreciate you being at the taskforce meeting. Thank you for all the information you relayed and all you’re doing. Please thank your assist chief for also being there at our last task force meeting.
- d. CHP – Officer Boyd gave the following updates –We had a total of 7 TC. 2 of those with injuries. We also had 1 hit and run incident. Officer Keller is back on our team along with Officer Bay. Officer Keller has issued 30 citations so far and it gives us more of a presence out there. He also did a ride along with Mary O’Keefe and there likely will be a written first-hand account of a day in the life of a CHP Officer. Hopefully our citation numbers will double when officer Bay comes back. We’ll be at the Trunk or Treat. Hopefully we can get someone out there on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Fentanyl presentation. Council/Community questions to Officer Boyd – Quite a bit of activity in front of CV lately. A car was turned over in one accident. Any known causes. Answer – I don’t know that situation but what I can say is... most of the TC

we come across that involve an overturned vehicle has a primary or associated cause of speed. If a car flips over it's about speed and bad turns.

- e. CV Chamber – No update given.
- f. CV Cert – Mr. Paul Dutton gave the following updates – The Trunk or Treat on October 29<sup>th</sup> should be a great event. There will be 16 or 20 cars where you can pull candy out of. It will be safe place to have a good time. Haunted crime scenes and everything. We just finished our 40<sup>th</sup> class for CV Cert. 40 class in 20 years. Councilmember Ahlers graduated. It was 24 hours of training. We had the ShakeOut event today. We had 6 or 8 cert members who were there. It's only the third time this has been done in last 20 years. It was great to see the interaction between the Sheriffs, Fire and all the Organizations. Councilmember Ahlers comments – Mr. Dutton and his team give up their time to train the community. I would recommend this CERT class to anyone. Mr. Dutton has a great plan on how to help your family and your neighbors be prepared for a variety of situations/emergencies. President Leon comments – The CERT team are also members of our task force. They are an important part of our community. I recommend that everyone should take the CERT class as one never knows when an emergency will happen.
- g. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given.
- h. CV Water – No update given.
- i. CVCA – No updated given.
- j. GUSD – Miss King gave the following presentation – Thank you Town Council for hosting the Mental Health Town Hall. It's important that family members are aware of all the drugs that our out there. Our community is safer after having such events. The GUSD will have a Town Hall on Tuesday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will share information on the dangers on substance abuse. I'd like to congratulate Superintendent Dr. Vivian Etchian on being named Superintendent of the year. We put on a great event for her recognition. In other news, our wonderful teacher Mr. Matt Schick was the LA county teacher of the year, and a finalist at the state level. We are so thankful for various organizations for their generosity. For some examples, Glendale Adventist donated 120,000 to our Wellness centers. UCLA has donated fitness equipment to our schools. We had our College Fair this last Friday. We had 1,200 students register for the events. They were able to make connection and ask question. We also hosted our Student Voice Panel recently. There were 3 panelists that were chosen to talk as representatives of the student body. The Student Advisory Committee formulated the questions that were asked of the panel and moderated the event. It was a great event and the students did an excellent job. We have our homecoming game against Pasadena this Friday. The dance will be on Saturday. President Leon comments – Thank you for being a part of the community and all your hard work. Congrats to our Superintendent and to Mr. Schick. You are doing a great job. Council/Community questions answered by Dr. King – At La Crescenta Elementary School there were 2 teachers that are leaving in

- the middle of the year. This is very disruptive as they teach multiple subjects, and it's right in the middle of the year. I heard one was an internal GUSD transfer. Any information on this. Answer – I'll share this information with a few colleagues and see what I can find out. At times, there are personnel issues we can't always disclose. Question - Is there a link to the Mental Health Town Hall. Answer - You can go to [www.gusd/substanceabuse.com](http://www.gusd/substanceabuse.com). The link should be right on the GUSD homepage.
- k. Land Use Committee – Miss Ines Chessum gave the following updates – We didn't meet in October. On Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> the LUC had a Town Hall meeting in re: ADU and the potential development/changes planned for our area. We had a lot of people asking questions. Hopefully we got the information out. All the information from the meeting is on the CVTC website. New ordinance for reducing the parking for multi-family homes appears to be moving forward. We like to have a presentation at our LUC meeting in Nov. Currently they are done doing community Outreach for the parking ordinance. The Town Council/LUC should write a letter voicing our concerns on this issue. The final step of the process is for the parking ordinance to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. The LUC received notice for a public hearing for a project. They want to convert a duplex into condos. They reached out to us in 2016 for this same change and we approved it then. They didn't complete the process then, but now they are applying for it again. There is no structural changes. It's all about ownership. There can be separate owners for condos but not for a duplex. The county will be giving a presentation on the Area Plan for the W. San Gabriel. This isn't just for the LUC. Anybody can attend the meeting. The Town Council encourage to go. President Leon asks the following question – Next month can I get a recommendation from the LUC about the Parking Ordinance. Miss Chessum answers – Okay. I'll work on that with the LUC. Councilmembers Ahlers comments – I appreciate all your hard work and all you and the LUC do for our community.
  - l. Streets and Transportation Committee – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates - Street Audit is coming up – They are looking for Improvements of Foothill Blvd. to make it more pedestrian friendly. You can find more info about this on the Public Works Website. The committee has been working on the Safe Routes to School program. We need more signage around all the schools in our area. The Town Council has been working on this Safe Routes to School plan since 2016. It has been a long process I hope we can implement soon. We should have the report on the crosswalks for the La Crescenta pavement and resurfacing project soon. Work on Prospect has been completed.
8. Community Announcements (2 minutes)
- a. Library: Tracy Anderson gave the updates on behalf of Martha Wiggins – We have two events coming up. Next week we're having a vaccine clinic from 10a.m. to 3p.m.

This will be the flu and boosters. It's on our website. We are also having a magic show on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4 p.m. It's is also on our website.

- b. Park & Rec – No update given
- c. American Legion – No update given
- d. Promplus – No update given

9. **Calab Brock, Associate Transportation Planner (District 7) Office of Regional Planning.**

– Shows a presentation titled Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant – Draft Application Guide. **Project Overview:** Eligible planning projects must have a transportation nexus; Planning projects are expected to directly benefit the multimodal transportation system; Intended to strengthen the economy, promote equity, and protect the environment; Grants should lead to the programming and implementation of transportation improvement projects. **There are 3 different types of funding streams:** Sustainable communities competitive and formula grants; Strategic Partnerships Grants and Climate Adaptation Planning Projects. .SCAG has to submit the application for the Strategic Partnership, but the Sustainable communities application can be for a variety of things like Active Transportation, Safety, Corridor, social equity etc. Climate Adaption Planning funds local and regional identification of transportation related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project level climate adaptation planning to identify adaptation projects and strategies for transportation. From 2017 – 2020 we were previously able to initiate and complete 7 such plans in district 7 alone. Because of that success there was additional funding of 50 million allocated for another cycle of these grants. There were some things mentioned during this meeting that could be eligible for funding such as feasibility study/assessments, Safe Routes to School, Wildfire Preparedness Plan etc. On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> they'll be two virtual workshops for stakeholders to provide input. In December we'll release the call for applications and conduct workshops. Finally in the Winter/Spring 2023 we'll view the application and they'll be an award announcement. Council/Community questions answered by Mr. Brock – President Leon comments – we'll post this presentation on the website for the community to see and then we'll forward along any feedback we receive. Question – Who applies.. who has access to this money. Answer – The Town (La Crescenta) can be a co-applicant along with SCAG for example. Since you're not an incorporated city, you would have to be a co-applicant. The town can help the county with the application. You know your place the best and what it could need.

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 September Treasury report (distributed to the Council). **Motion** to approve September treasury report by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Seconded by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Approved Unanimously.
- b. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – no update given.
- d. By-laws Committee – President Leon gave the following updates. The By-Laws 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 second vote on the proposed changes. The first vote was at the September General meeting. **Motion** to waive the need to read the amendments based upon redlines already being circulated and copies of the amendments being available at the meeting by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved unanimously. **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. Seconded by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Approved unanimously. President Leon comments – Thank you to all the committee members for all your hard work on the bylaws. I appreciate everyone's time and effort on this important undertaking. Special thanks to Aram for all of his contributions.
- e. Scholarship Committee – No update given.
- f. Outreach Committee – President Leon makes the following comments – A big thanks to Council members Lewin and Baghdassarian for their outstanding job putting together the Mental Health event as well as the Substance Abuse Event coming up. Thank you Kerri and her firm for donating the ticket printing for the Pancake Breakfast. We are looking for more sponsors if you know of any. Councilmember

- Baghdassarian – We have our Fentanyl Awareness on Nov. 3rd in the library room. It will be first come first serve for seating.
- g. Pancake Breakfast –Will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the CV Quid. Tickets will be \$10 at the event. Please bring your friends and family.
  - h. Election committee reports – Councilmember Kilpatrick gave the following updates – The application deadline has come and gone. We received 5 applications. The ballot is on the website. Election will be on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> (between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and 19<sup>th</sup> (Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.. The candidate forum will be at the next general meeting. The committee are working on questions with the CV weekly. Voting registration will end in October. Anybody who is a registered voter and resides in La Crescenta can vote.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.