



General Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 6:59 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: Chloe Baghdassarian
3. Invocation: Led by: Kevin - Former member of CVTC and currently a member at First Progressive Church in LA.
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Lewin, Rodriguez, Mueller, Kilpatrick, Yu, Baghdassarian, Ordubegian Not Present: Ahlers, Madsen, Libra and Suh.
5. Approval of October Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Baghdassarian, Seconded by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of November Meeting Agenda, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – Youth Town Council Liaison Chloe Baghdassarian provides the following updates – We elected our Youth Town Council Officers. They are President – Emily Cha, Vice President – Eric Eubank, Secretary – Seline Hemelians, Treasurer – Elliot Jang, Publicist – David Kahdian, Liaison – Chloe Baghdassarian. We formed committees for Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow, Bake Sale and the Holiday Lights Competition. This weekend we are volunteering at the CVTC Election taking place at St. Luke’s Church.
 - b. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates. Part One crimes - 3 non-residential burglaries (smash and grabs) 15 larcenies, 1 GTA, 8 vandalisms, 2 narcotic incidents, 7 catalytic converter incidents, and 6 identity theft incidents. We issued a 134 citations and 32 warnings. We will be doing another etching program

soon. We'd also like to do a Business Watch meeting where I can discuss keeping their businesses safer.

- c. Fire Department – Miss Grycan gave the following updates – Report for the month of October – 59 responses, no fires, no wires down. We had 48 medical calls (28 transported). Safety Tip of the month – Stay at home when the turkey is in the oven. If you're deep frying a turkey be careful as we don't recommend that method because of the increased possibility for a fire. Community Questions answered by Miss Grycan – Have we had any brush fires lately. Answer - We've only had 2 small fires; What is the latest update on Zone Haven. Answer - We are very close. All the zones have been identified and named. We are currently working on last minute information. The website will be up soon and you can see what zone you're located in. When it goes live we'll be able to post where road closures are, make evacuation notification, alerts for possible dangers near you and direct people where to go; When will the public Outreach be to official announce Zone Haven. Answer - we need to finish off our materials and get them ready for distribution and to present the info to the public. We'll also use Next Door and Facebook to get the word out.
- d. CHP – Officer Keller gave the following updates – 2 TC were investigated in October. One involved a rollover vehicle accident that likely was due to speed. CHiPs for Kids fundraiser will be the day after Thanksgiving. Donate by texting 727278. Safety Tip of the Month - Time to replace windshield wipers now. The rain is coming so be prepared. Community Questions answer by Office Keller – There was an Incident on Ocean View Blvd. where somebody got killed. Any information. Answer – I have no information at this time.
- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates – Mr. Baldwin gives President Leon for safe keeping and for archiving – CVTC Book from 1989 which contains notes, Bylaws, and other interesting documents. This was recently found by the Chamber. Jean Maluccio died recently. She was a wonderful person and also a member of the CVTC. We're having a celebration of life at the Oakmont Country Club on Dec. 7th from 5 – 8 p.m. The Montrose Christmas parade is coming up. We'll have a float there. I'd also like to announce some recognition awards for the year in our community – Firefighter of the year - Joshua Swaney; Sheriff officer of the year Nick Gregorian; CHP officer of the year - Robert Manzono. Glendale officer of the year – Brian Duncan; Student of the year – David Green; Educator of the year – Matt Schick; Organization of the year – Community Foundation of the Foothills; Business of the year – Restro Clean; Park of the year – Deukmajian Wilderness Park Volunteer of the year – Chuck Hughes. Woman of the year – Donna Libra. Man of the year is Joe Allen.
- f. CV Cert – No updated given
- g. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given.
- h. CV Water – No update given.
- i. CVCA – No updated given.

- j. GUSD – Dr. Chris Golster gave the following update – I’m an army Veteran and appreciate your support and recognizing the Veterans in your community. It takes a village to raise a child and we want to acknowledge our partners who get our kids life ready. Glendale Community College is working with GUSD to get our students college credit and be enrolled in both schools at the same time. We are also looking for internship opportunities for our students and people to partner with. The QB Club gave out scholarships to various athletes. The winners received \$1000 each. A big CV high school football game just happened. We beat Arcadia. CV Cross Country have advanced to CIF finals, which will be this Friday. CV and the American Heart Association will be talking about the dangers of Fentanyl and vaping. It’s a big problem and we are looking forward to participating in that event. A bit of good news to report... We recently found a German language teacher for CV.
- k. Land Use Committee – Councilmember Kilpatrick gave the following updates – Regional planning is considering the parking ordinance. We don’t have a recommendation at this time. It has been pushed to our January meeting. We will get the recommendation to you on the residential parking requirements in January (especially focusing on large developments). In regards to SB9, we are working on a recommendation to Regional Planning for a change to the height requirements and setbacks in our CSD. We are looking for things we can do that would limit the volume that can be built in our community. The LUC wants to be clear that we’re concerned about development in our area. We spoke to the County this month and they are currently looking to revise their area plan in re: consistency. They are also in the process of hiring Outside Counsel. Community questions answered by Councilmember Kilpatrick - Is the County going to reconsider the parking requirements for development. Answer – We currently don’t know all the parking ramifications for SB9 and how it will effect things. La Crescenta was Re-districted and now we’re part of San Gabriel Valley. Unincorporated La Crescenta is affected by SB9. Different cities can fight this how they think is best; Who do we go to when we have a problem like this. Being in Unincorporated La Crescenta, we don’t vote for the LA City Mayor for example, but don’t those LA city decisions affect us as well. Answer – No. The city of LA doesn’t have anything to do with us. We are an advisory board to the Supervisors Office.
- l. Streets and Transportation Committee – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates – We heard from Shirley Lau in re: La Crescenta Resurfacing Project. They would like to give a presentation at the beginning of the year on their proposal for the project. We discussed signage around the school during our task force meeting and discussed the topic with all the principals. We requested that the County put up additional signage in various areas around our schools. The County is currently doing traffic studies in the area to see if additional signage is recommended. There wasn’t a big turnout for the Street Audit. One of the proposed plans for making Foothill more bicycle and pedestrian friendly involves them taking out our median

and adding more trees. The Prospect ave. resurfacing project is almost complete and it looks good. I'm a first responder and very excited about the Zone Haven project Miss Grycan discussed earlier.

8. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Miss Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – Good to be here and to see everyone. We have begun to install the holiday decorations at the Library. On Dec. 8th we'll have the Christmas Tree Lighting event. That is a 5th District event sponsored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger. The Tree Lighting Committee is putting the event together. It should be around 6. Community questions answered by Miss. Anderson. Will there be a story reading event this year at the library. Answer – No. We are short staffed and limited on the amount of events we can host/put on.
- b. Park & Rec – No update given
- c. American Legion – Mr. Baldwin gave the following updates – An Operation Gratitude Box is presented to Harry Leon thanking him for his military service. We have distributed these same boxes to various community members thanking them for their service. Earlier in the year we recognized First Responders and now we're recognizing our Veterans. We use to send boxes overseas but there aren't as many community members on active duty overseas. The Moose Lodge and the Legion donated \$1000 to the Bailey Food Center.
- d. Promplus – Update given by Miss Mary O'Keefe. We are getting ready for our prom event. We'll be having our Spring Boutique event coming up soon. We'll also be putting on a Bingo event in conjunction with the Legion. Firehouse is still feeding Rosemont kids on Wednesday. On Dec 22nd we'll have a celebration of Hanukkah at St. Luke's Church. There will be a lot of food there. Then in January we'll be having a Cars 101 event where we teach our kids the proper way to jump start a car. We're also going to have a Cooking 101 event where our kids will be better prepared to make meals once they leave their parent's home. President Leon comments - Mary is very active in the community, and we are very lucky to have her. She does a lot for our youth and families in need.
- e. Robert Thomas – My kids are putting together a play this year. They want to carry on the tradition of having a Christmas Carol play in our community. We did it for one week last year. We will do it for two weekends this year. Tickets are \$10 for kids and \$20 for adults. It will be at Highlands Church near the big oak area. My son is the Director of the play. There will be 30 actors and they are all professional. The dates for the play are December 9-11th and 16th – 18th. I think it will be a great time. Please come out and support this community driven even for all to enjoy.

9. **CVTC Candidate Forum** – Councilmember is Chris Kilpatrick introduces the following candidates who are running for CVTC: Harry Leon, Donna Libra, Aram Ordubegian, Ted

Yu, and Dr. Suh. Mr. Mike Lawlor is introduced and will be the one asking the questions to the candidates. Mr. Lawlor starts with a little background of local governance in our community and surrounding areas. Local Governance started around where the Verdugo Hills Golf Course is located. It was the Tujunga Native Americans. They had a chief and tribal council and their own system of government. This lasted for around 6,000 years. Then in the 1800's Benjamin Briggs bought most of the valley. He was a speculator, and was never able to finish his plan of La Crescenta being the city center of the valley. In the 30's Sunland/Tujunga got taken over by LA. In 1948 we had a big drought and many areas ran out of water. Glendale offered to step in and provide us with water, but also annexed a big portion of the surrounding area. In 1968 La Crescenta feared annexation by GUSD and tried to become a city. It never got much momentum because the residence were ambivalent about it. In 1976 La Canada got their cityhood. There was concern about no local government/representation in our area, so in 1989 Mike Antonovich helped form the CVTC. We had 40 candidates who ran that first year. Charlie Beatty was on the first slate of candidates. Candidate forum begins: Opening statement by each candidate that is present; Mr. Lawlor asks each candidate present a variety of questions; closing statement by each candidate present.

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 October Treasury report (distributed to the Council). **Motion** to approve October 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 – Councilmember Lewin gave the following updates - Tax documents came in the mail that will go to Donna. We will be selling more Sweatshirts that were designed by the students of our community. A percentages of the sales will go toward scholarships.

- d. By-laws Committee – No update given
- e. Scholarship Committee – No update given.
- f. Outreach Committee – Councilmember Baghdassarian gave the following updates – I will have a final report on the Pancake Breakfast. Money is still coming in from ticket sales. It was a great event. Sorry for Charlie Event (Fentanyl) - Since their son died tragically it has become the O'Keefe's mission to educate everybody on the dangers of Fentanyl. The Sheriff's Department and others were there. There was an excellent panel and we got great positive feedback. Everybody who attended the event received a bag with information and items such as an inhaler.
- g. Pancake Breakfast – Outreach Committee provided the update.
- h. Election committee reports – Councilmember Kilpatrick gave the following updates – We have 5 candidates on the ballot. The election will take place at St. Luke's church on Nov. 18th (between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and 19th (Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.). Anybody who is a registered voter and resides in La Crescenta can vote. More information on our website. Announce will be made on Saturday the 19th. President Leon makes an announcement - We wrote a letter standing in solidarity with the Iran woman who are being persecuted right now. We stand united with them. We issued a letter informing all that we are continuing our support to their cause.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.