



General Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2023

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Kilpatrick, 7:02 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: Councilmember Libra
3. Invocation: Led by: Father Robert Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church.
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary: Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Kilpatrick, Libra, Ahlers, Rodriguez, Baghdassarian and Mueller Not Present: Yu, Ordubegian, Leon, Lewin and Suh
5. Approval of June Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Libra, Seconded by Councilmember Mueller. Approved Unanimously.
6. Approval of July Agenda, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Baghdassarian, Seconded by Councilmember Mueller. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions
 - a. Youth Council – No update given.
8. Presentation by Todd Schmidt and Marcy Anderson from Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation. Meeting Objective – To review feasible park improvement options using Measure A funds and reach a consensus on which option to move forward with. Measure A funds available for Two-Strike Park in the fall 2023 equals 400,000. Glendale is responsible for Measure A funds in re: CV Park. Proposed changes – **Two-Strike Park Ramp Improvements** – Which could include – Painting Ramp/Railings, New planting, and irrigation, New pathway and rock work. Estimated costs for these improvements would be \$175k to \$250k. **Two-Strike Park Outdoor Fitness Center** – This would include Grouped equipment, Shade options, and resurfacing. Estimated costs would be \$500k to 1 million. **CV Park ADA Accessibility Improvements** – Additional ADA improvements to

tie together the previous ADA improvements that were previously done. This would cost around \$450k to \$550k. The Measure A funds for this park are controlled by Glendale, and we have limited Grant opportunities available. Update on current Restroom Building Renovation Project at Two-Strike Park – Upgrades to fixtures/finishes (ADA), drinking fountain. construction begins late 2023. Estimated cost is \$350k. Funding Source – Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Grant. Comments by Council/Community - New lights at Two-Strike Park will disturb the neighbors. Answer – These will be indoor lights not outside lights. Question – In your presentation, it looks like you are building a pathway where one already exists. Answer - It is a secondary pathway in addition to the original. Question - Can we get a Grant from the State because some of the proposals discussed are for ADA improvements. Answer – It is possible, but those Grants are very hard to get. Question – We got Grants for the improvements to the bathrooms, why not for these other improvements proposed today. Answer – That was based on the severity and need. It also does not mean that we could get another Grant. Question – What is the maintenance cost for the exercise equipment. Answer – it would come from the Park Maintenance Department, and hopefully not needed for a few years. Question - What about the bridge that was recently put in... that does not seem to meet ADA qualifications. Answer – Actually, the bridge is compliant. We looked at it and it is fine. Community Comment – I do not think painting the wall is needed. The beautification improvements proposed are more important than painting. Same with the railing. If you do put in a railing, do not paint it black. It will be too hot to hold/use because of the heat. Lastly, more trees would certainly help with the shade. The pathway needs shading and the northside of the park needs more shade. Comment – We need pricing for the Outdoor fitness center and a variety of options to choose from. With this possibly costing anywhere from 500,000 down to 200,000, that is a big difference, and it would be nice to see what you are getting for each.

9. Community Reports (Continued):

- b. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for June – Part 1 Crimes – 1 rape, 2 residential and 2 commercial burglaries (Office Depot), 9 larcenies, and 2 GTAs. Part 2 Crimes – 2 vandalisms, 1 identity/fraud incidents and 2 narcotic incidents. We issued 197 citations and 112 warnings. We also had 5 catalytic convertor thefts. Council/Community Questions – How is your Summer Crime Enforcement different than normal. Answer – It is from Labor Day to Memorial Day. The State gives us extra money to put more boots on the ground, and in many cases target specific crimes e.g., CC Thefts. Question – Do you have any more information on the rape incident on your report. Answer – Unfortunately, a father raped his child.
- c. Los Angeles County Fire – For the month of June – 58 responses. 3 fires – one was a small outside fire that was put out before arrival. Another one was on Foothill. We

- also had 39 medical calls. Safety tip of the month – Protect yourself from the heat, drink a lot of water and wear sunscreen at least 15 SPF or higher. Engage in activities at night when it is cooler. Zone Haven – We are probably going live at the end of this month or shortly thereafter. We will have a public education component (meetings) when we are close to going live. The name of the program is changing to the Genasys Protect. Council/Community questions – Have all the emergency radios been passed out yet. Answer – Not yet, but that will happen at our next public meetings. We are going to combine education and passing out the radios. Question – Who can I call about a fire issue I witness. Answer - Call the local fire station. Question – Did all the notices go out to the residents in the fire zone who are in compliance and not in compliance yet. Answer – They were either given there notice in person, via email or it was left on the door. If they were in compliance... they get something in the mail. Byblos Fire – Occurred on July 12th. The alarm came in at 3:24 p.m. Fire Station 63 made a quick response. Byblos was closed at the time for construction. The fire likely originated on the roof (which was being worked on) Buildings fires such as this one generally brings 5 trucks and 2 Captains, as well as the Glendale Fire Department. You generally get a very good response in this area. There was one injury, and it occurred when a Firefighter was pinned underneath ceiling debris that collapsed inside the building. They got him out of there quickly, and he only sustained minor injuries. Comment – Thank you for such a quick response and keeping it contained. We appreciate all you do.
- d. CHP – Officer Keller gave the following updates – Traffic report for the month of June - 7 Traffic Collisions, 4 of which were Hit and Runs. Thankfully, there were no injuries in any accident. August 1st is National Night Out, and we will be there. If you, or anybody you know is interested in law enforcement... please have them turn in an application. We wrote 1400 tickets for commercial violations along the 210 Highway in recent times.
 - e. CV Chamber – Mr. Jerry Berman provided the following updates – Two events for the Chamber that are coming up – Bingo on September 9th at the VFW Hall. In addition, there is the 9/11 Motorcade Event on 9/11/23. American Legion – We have an event coming up. It is our only money-making event of the year. On August 18th we will be having a Bingo game at Heeley Hall. The doors open at 5 and the first game starts at 6.
 - f. CV Cert – No update given.
 - g. CV Ready - Fire Council – no update given.
 - h. CV Water – No update given.
 - i. CVCA – No update given.
 - j. GUSD – Ms. Friedman (Board member) gave the following updates – Unfortunately, Dr. Etchian retired – Darnika Watson is now the acting superintendent. Ms. Watson makes the following comments - I am happy and proud to serve the students of this community and the Glendale Unified School District. I have been working at GUSD

- for 3 years but in Education for the past 30 years. Summer school is almost over, and we will have our Summer School Graduation soon. As far as changes this upcoming school year... One big one is going to be a new policy where 11 and 12 graders will be able to go out for the lunch and the 9 and 10 graders will be asked to stay on campus. Again, nothing is set in stone. We are just trying to see how things go.
- k. Land Use Committee – Ms. Ines Chessum gave the following updates – We have not met in May, June, or July – We are waiting for the Area Plan to ramp back up again. We were waiting on them to hire a consultant, and they now have one. That means we should be moving forward soon with the Area Plan project. We only have 1 year to finish the Area Plan and need to get started soon. We have proposed changes to the CSD that will look to better preserve our community and put standards in place for residential development. The Motel Project on Briggs – We have received complaints that people are advertising at the site. Regional Planning has not received an application for development yet. Lastly, we recently had a zoom meeting with Regional Planning to discuss the new ordinance that was 117 pages in re: proposed changes to residential development, titled Residential Design Standards. We had a few complaints, and the good news is... they are going to work on revisions to the ordinance. Which means, when it goes back to the Supervisor's Office it will go back with our edits. Comments – It was great work by the LUC to get the County to edit the document and accept a great deal of our changes. That is a win for La Crescenta.

10. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Ms. Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – We are finally at full staff, and that means we will see more activity at the library. We have Story Time coming up, which will be 6-week sessions. We have a in person and virtual Book Club. We have a Craft Event at least once a month. In other good news, we were able to get a Grant for security cameras at the library. This is from the State, and we will be one of the first libraries to get these cameras.
- b. Park & Rec – No update given.
- c. American Legion – Updates in the Chamber of Commerce Section.
- d. Promplus/Firehouse – We had 55 volunteers at Promplus. We had 300 kids show up. That is a pretty good turnout. We are going to try and recruit parents who currently have kids at the school to take over the day-to-day operation of Promplus. Some people need to pass the torch who have been doing this a long time. Firehouse – Every Wednesday we feed around 50 students who go to Rosemont. It used to be 150 or so pre-pandemic. We are going to try and do events once a month. The next one coming up will be the CHP talking to kids about traffic safety.

13. 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

14. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra - **Motion** to approve the June Treasury report as received by Councilmember Ahlers, Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved unanimously. Motion to remove the retained funds section from the Treasury Report by Councilmember Ahlers, Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved unanimously.
- b. Corresponding Secretary – No update given.
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. Scholarship Committee –
 - b. Streets and Roads – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates – Active Transportation Project – The County thanks everyone who participated in the walk and provided their feedback. They are now working with Glendale and La Canada to develop an Active Transportation Plan by the end of the year. They are starting work on the La Crescenta Ave construction project. In a bit of good news to report... We have been working with CHP, Sherriff. County, and Schools on the traffic safety issues impacting our area – This was started last August, and we are now seeing some results from all those meetings. The County let us know that they are installing No U-turn signs on a couple problematic streets, including Ramsdell. There will be traffic studies on a variety of problematic streets in our area (which will hopefully lead to more safety measures taken). There will also be additional crosswalk studies on certain streets in our community. Lastly, there will be a multi-way stop control on Alabama and Raymond Ave. The measures were approved by the Supervisor's office and is a big win for the community when it comes to Traffic Safety.
 - c. Community Outreach – Pancake Breakfast will be on October 14th at St. Luke's Church, from 7 to 11 a.m.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.