



General Council Meeting Minutes

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Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Kilpatrick, 7:02 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: Mike Baldwin
3. Invocation: Led by: Paster Andrew Segovia of the Higher Vision Church
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary: Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Kilpatrick, Ahlers, Leon, Ordubegian, Rodriguez, Baghdassarian, Lewin, and Mueller Not Present: Libra, Yu, and Suh.
5. Approval of July Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
6. Approval of the amended August Agenda (Moving the Historical Society to item L of Community Reports), **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 Vector – Thomas Dang – Shows a presentation that will go over... What you need to know about mosquitos and Why you should care about this presentation. There are 3,500 species of mosquitos. They are the no. 1 deadliest animals in the word because of the diseases they carry. They mainly kill children through Malaria, St. Louis and Syphilis. Our Mission – Protect the members of this and other communities from mosquito infestations. We practice integrated vector management. We treat areas like sewers, pools, ponds, and underground storm drains. We have found 212 confirmed areas where they are breeding. 90 of those are underground storm drains and 112 are pools and ponds. We have two species that we are most concerned with: Culex and

Aedes. Culex is the main vector for West Nile Virus. We are most vulnerable to the Culex species from dawn to dusk. Aedes are all day mosquitos and can carry canine heart worm. First detected the Aedes species in 2011. They are very good and breeding and hiding. They can look like dirt or a tadpole, but they are actually mosquito eggs. Please remember that they rely on standing water. Wherever there is standing water you'll get mosquito breeding. The Culex species mainly get the West Nile Virus from birds. In 2023 we had 14 positive West Nile Virus cases in CA. So far in LA county we have 0. What can you do? Check your rain gutters and drains, make sure to maintain your pool, and never leave standing water. They can start to breed in a matter of days. Stay away from ineffective mosquito repellent like Zappers and Citronella. For more information on Vector Management you can visit these sites: <https://www.glamosquito.org/> and <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/about/vector-management-program.html> Council and Community Questions – Any ideas about why Malaria is making a huge comeback and do you use DDT. Answer - We do not use DDT. The first step is to get rid of standing water. We use larvicide to kill. DDT is an adulticide. Question - What is the lifespan of these two types of mosquitos. Answer – Maybe two or three weeks. Keep in mind, once the eggs are laid, it takes them about 5 days to reach adulthood. Question - Do you come out and assess properties. Answer – Yes, we go out and assess properties. We are a government agency. Question - Can you call about another property. Answer – You can report that, but they will check yours first and then you can point them in the direction of an area of concern. Question - Drains have standing water, what do you suggest doing about that. Answer - have a steel mesh to put over the drain.

9. Community Reports (Continued):

- b. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for July – Part 1 Crimes – 1 robbery – a crew stealing a CC at a residence and 1 commercial burglary, 15 larcenies, 5 GTAs and 1 attempted arson. Part 2 Crimes – 1 vandalism, 2 identity/fraud incidents and 1 narcotic incident. We issued 116 citations and 61 warnings. YTD - Burglaries and robberies are down. Citation issued are up in 2023. We remained the same in Catalytic Converter thefts. Our Casino Night event will be in La Canada on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Our support group runs it, and it all goes to Sheriff department. We have our Halloween event coming up. We will also be participating in the 9/11 Motorcade and will go by all the schools in La Crescenta and La Canada.
- c. Los Angeles County Fire – For the month of July – 67 responses. 43 were medical calls and we transported 35 people. We had 3 fires (two were vehicle fires and the other was at Byblos. For the Hurricane - We will have augment staff to do swift water rescues if needed and we are in constant contact with the Sheriff's Department and Public Works. We are also analyzing and keeping an extra eye on our burn areas which are the most Vulnerable. Genasys Protect – There are handouts in the back. La Crescenta has been broken up into different zones. Pay attention to what zone you are in. Currently this system is for fires, but in the future,

- we can use it for all disasters. We will all be able to talk the same language on the map and be able to understand where each other is located at all times. Our biggest concern is the Briggs Terrance area and the Pinecone area. We will color code zones that are currently affected. There Genasys app is available for both the android and iPhone. The website doesn't currently show the zones yet. They haven't been published. On the app you can follow your zone. Your phone or ipad will shoot out an alert to you indicating when the status of your zone has changed. We will have a community meeting to educate and get the word out in less than a month. It will hopefully be soon. Council/Community questions - Will they call the land line using this new fire alert system Answer – Yes, they will call your landline. If you would like more nos. contacted in the event of an emergency... You can go to the Alert LA website, put in your address, and put 4 more points of contact. Question – Can you talk about the Firewise Workshop in Camarillo. Answer – It's entirely community driven. It can be as few as 8 homes or as many as 2,500. In order to become an officially recognized Firewise community... You need to build a community and have someone rep the community to the State. You have to fill out an application that says how many homes are and how many residents in the community. Then you sent goals to reduce the risk of fires and to be better prepared.
- d. CHP – Officer Keller gave the following updates – Traffic report for the month of July - 8 Traffic Collisions, 4 of which caused injuries. 1 was a hit and run. In total, we issued 2,000 traffic citations and investigated a total of 284 crashes this last month county wide. Safety tip - Take care of your windshield wipers. All the oil will be coming up to the surface when the rain comes, so drive carefully. School is back in session, and we will be back in the area. Please pay attention to the curb colors and watch your speed in the school zone.
  - e. CV Chamber – Mr. Mike Baldwin provided the following updates - Chamber of Commerce and the Early Rodders are organizing a motorcade of around 50 cars on 9/11, and we will be visiting around 5 fire stations, 15 schools, nursing homes and rest homes. There will be a map in the CV weekly that will show the route.
  - f. CV Cert – Mr. Paul Dutton provided the following updates – Take the necessary precautions to prepare for what could be a level 2 Hurricane in LA. We recently worked closely with the Sheriff's department on an event called When Disasters Strike. It was a great event. We had around 200 people in the auditorium and some top representatives from different County agencies. I recently received another certification in terrorism and bomb threats. We are having another cert class in November, and we look forward to seeing you out there.
  - g. CV Ready - Fire Council – no update given.
  - h. CV Water – No update given.
  - i. CVCA – No update given.
  - j. GUSD – Darneika Watson (acting Superintendent) gave the following updates – School is back, and we got through our first week of school. It was great to see the

- excitement and energy everyone had to be back at school. We had a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Bistro. Our enrollment at CV was a little over 2,500. There is a new Wellness center where students can relax and speak to counselors. We are looking forward to our sports teams competing again. This year we are trying our new policy of - Only Juniors and Seniors can go off campus. Monte Vista construction is still on schedule. Rosemont's replacement of their AC is on schedule. Back to school night at CV is on September 7th. Rosemont and La Crescenta and Monte Vista on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Council/Community Questions – Traffic Safety is a big concern, what can you do to help with this. Answer - We will continue to work with law enforcement agencies and will be reminding parents of driving safety in our website, Facebook and at Back to School.
- k. Land Use Committee – Ms. Ines Chessum gave the following updates – We have been quiet and waiting for the West San Gabriel Area Plan to get started again. We did get an email saying they hired a consultant. Things are starting to move and get organized. They gather a lot of data about the community, things like jobs, demographics, commute, salary etc. You can sign up to be a part of the process on the CVTC website. There is also a survey on the County's website. There will be community workshops. La Canada, and Tujunga will also be a part of the meetings. We are hoping to be able to update the CSD as we work on the Area Plan. Please come out and participate in this important endeavor to help shape what La Crescenta will look like in the future.
  - l. Historical Society – Meeting on Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>. It is going to be on Rockitecture i.e., river rock architecture. A lot of it will be about St. Luke's. Please come out and hear this wonderful presentation.
10. Community Announcements (2 minutes)
- a. Library: Ms. Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – We will have more programs and events coming up. Children library is great and has been doing story time. I do book club on the first Tuesday of every month. All the events happening with the library are on our website. It's always exciting to see a new crop of kids at our library. Friends of the Library have been wonderful, and we really appreciate their donations of money and books. We are self-funded, which means, we are mostly funded from a portion and the community's property taxes. We are still very busy but have not reached our pre-pandemic levels of activity at the library.
  - b. Park & Rec – No update given.
  - c. American Legion – Mr. Mike Baldwin provided the following updates - We are having our annual Bingo, tomorrow, August 18<sup>th</sup>. It is at Heeley Hall in Montrose. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., first game starts at 6:00 p.m. You get a free game in the CV weekly on page 4. This event is the American Legion and VWF's only event of the year to raise money for scholarships and events.
  - d. Promplus/Firehouse –

### 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. Vina – Question for the council – In the Verdugo hills there are goat herders. Glendale is using the goats in their area to cut down on the dry grass/vegetation. Can we look into what Glendale is doing and possible bring the goats to Briggs Terrance. It's scary up there, we are all scared in the area.

### 14. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra - **Motion** to approve the July Treasury report as received by Councilmember Ordubegian, Seconded by Councilmember Mueller. Approved unanimously.
- b. Corresponding Secretary – No update given.
- c. Committee Reports
  - a. Scholarship Committee – We got a check from the Supervisor's office to go towards scholarships in the amount of \$5,000.
  - b. Streets and Roads – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates – In October we will be having another traffic safety meeting. No recent updates for any of the ongoing projects or for ones in the queue.
  - c. Community Outreach – Pancake Breakfast will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's Church, from 7 to 11 a.m. Council Discussion. **Motion to** reimbursement the past President of the Youth Council the amount of \$91.11 by Councilmember Ordubegian. Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously.
  - d. Website – Council discussion on our website and the email service we currently use.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.