



General Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024

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1. Call to Order & Welcome by President Baghdassarian: 7:01 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: The Homenetmen Shant Boy Scouts and Donna Libra
3. Invocation: Led by: Archbishop Der Hayr Ghevont Karazian
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary: Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Rodriguez, Lewin, Baghdassarian, Libra, and Kim Not Present: Ordubegian, Mueller and Ahlers
5. Approval of the Amended April General Meeting Agenda (item 7 to item 5, item 8 to item 6, and item 6 to item 7) - **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Leon. Approved Unanimously.
6. Approval of CVTC Officer Positions – Vice President and acting President Baghdassarian – Reshuffling of officer positions is taking place because President Leon has a lot of other responsibilities going on right now, and needs to take a little step back from the council. We thank him immensely for all his service and are very happy he has agreed to stay on the council as a regular member. **Motion** to approve Frida Baghdassarian as the President of the CVTC by Councilmember Leon, seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously. **Motion** to approve Jeffrey Rodriguez as Vice President of the CVTC by Councilmember Libra, seconded by Councilmember Leon. Approved Unanimously. **Motion** to approve Daniel Kim as the Recording Secretary of CVTC by Councilmember Leon, Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously.
7. Approval of March Meeting Minutes - **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved Unanimously.
8. Proclamation of the CVTC in regard to the Armenian Genocide – President Baghdassarian reads proclamation of the CVTC and presents it to Alice Chalian of the Armenian National Committee of America. Miss Chalian addresses the CVTC – Thank

you again. Why do I thank you. Because the act of remembering matters. It makes a difference since acts of genocide seem to occur again and again. Thank you for remembering the 109th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and making the CVTC Proclamation.

9. Youth Council – No update given.

10. Mary O’Keefe (PromPlus) – Bingo this Saturday (April 20th) at the American Legion Hall. We are trying to raise money to have our annual PromPlus event. This event started 30 years ago because we wanted to have a safe place for our children to go to after prom. This will be the last PromPlus because we cannot get parents to join the board. We need parents who have kids in the school to get involved in order for PromPlus to continue. Only about 4 parents are needed on the board. The event will be at the YMCA on May 18th and 19th. We are looking for volunteers. Former President Leon has been on the board and helped out at the event numerous times. Firehouse is still going on, and we are always looking for volunteers for that as well.

11. Community Reports (Continued):

- a. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for the Month of March – Part 1 Crimes – 1 assault, 2 burglaries, 3 larcenies, 7 Identity/fraud incidents. We issued 95 citations and 43 warnings. We had 2 CC thefts in March. I received word that our Summertime Enforcement Program is back. We got 5 extra deputies and 1 Supervisor. They are going to be in undercover vehicles. This program starts from May 12th and the program will end in September.
- b. CHP – Update by Officer Bay – Statistics for March – We investigated 6 TC in the Unincorporated area of La Crescenta. 4 of those were property damage only. 2 had injuries that were reported. We also had 10 TC’s on Angeles Crest Highway and 5 in Big Tujunga Canyon. April is our Distracted Drivers Awareness month. We do education and also enforcement in regard to distracted driving. Please put your phone down if you get a call. In the month of May, we will be at the Montrose Critters and Kids event. The CHP is doing an e-bike safety presentation on May 15th. This will be in Arcadia at 6:30 p.m. Question – I have seen e-bikes on Pennsylvania Ave. is that allowed. Answer – We are seeing that a lot. We are used to dealing with bikes but not e-bikes. Enforcement is a bit tough since this is a relatively new phenomenon and all the laws we could have are not currently in place yet.
- c. Los Angeles County Fire – Ms. Marie Grycan gave the following updates – We had 87 responses, 45 medical calls, and 36 were transported to the hospital. There was 1 fire and 8 hazardous conditions calls. These were mostly wiring down on windy days. We also had 25 good intent calls. Safety tip of the month – If you live in the fire zone, brush inspections will start May 1st. You should have received the letter

- discussing this. If you did not receive the letter, you do not have to do anything. SB34 established zone zero, which we will not be enforcing that this year (5 feet zone).
- d. CV Chamber – Robin Goldsworthy (President) – On Tuesday we had a mixer at St. Luke’s. It was nicely attended. Our big event is the Hometown Country Fair on June 22nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It’s free to attend. There will be food, music, classic car show, petting zoo etc. etc.
 - e. CV Cert – No update given.
 - f. CV Ready - Fire Council – no update given.
 - g. CV Water – No update given.
 - h. CVCA – No update given.
 - i. GUSD – Dr. Kelly King – Assistant Superintendent – We are incredibly hopeful that PromPlus can continue. It keeps our kids safe and is always a great time for them. I am incredibly hopeful we can continue for another 30 years. We are having our Armenian Remembrance Day and Proclamation on April 24th at CV High School. We have new board members who were recently elected, and I’m hoping you’ll be able to meet them at future meetings. Graduation is happening at CV High School and it will be on the field. Construction continues at Monte Vista but should be done very soon.
 - j. GEF – No update given.
 - k. Glendale Community College Board of Trustee for District 1, Desiree Rabinov, gave the following opening remarks. I am very pleased to serve on the Board again and represent this area for another 2 years. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. She introduced Dr. Ryan Cornner who provided the following updates in regard to Glendale Community College - We are up 14.5 % in enrollment this year. We are seeing more and more students back on campus. We are up over 35% in enrollment at Garfield high school. The strongest enrollment program is our Promise Plus Program. Only requirements is that they fill out some basic paperwork and attend full time. We have about 200 students that are enrolled in the program and our statistics show that 85% of them continue their education. Anyone who is a first-time college student can go to school for 2 years free. We are the second largest feeder to USC in the nation and our school is proven to be a great gateway to get into UC’s or Cal State’s. Our student body government is very active and has hosted 187 events in one semester alone. Our woman’s basketball team went to the finals of State Championship. Our woman’s Cross Country won their conference for the 32nd straight year. We have an Arts at the Alex event coming up on May 15th. This is an opportunity for everyone to see all of our arts on display at GCC. We will be doing Peter and the Art Catcher musical coming up. If there is anyone interested in the arts. We partnered with a company who have worked at Sofi and Pantages Theater to teach our students about lighting and rigging. We have a state-of-the-art Biology program that will have a full range pod by the end of the year. We believe

the best way for our students to be leaders is to lead. They will be in charge of a particular area of the building of the new science building. This science building has 27 wet labs. It's one of the largest science buildings in the US.

- I. Land Use Committee - Councilmember Rodriguez gave the following updates – We did not meet for the Month of March. We continue to stay on top of new developments in our area, like the Briggs motel project. Nothing of note has come up recently, but we did receive a letter back from the Supervisor's office letting us know that she heard from our community and will try to work with the developer to address the community's concerns. We also received a letter back from the Supervisor's Office in regard to the u-matter facility, and Supervisor Barger will continue to keep an eye on this facility for any violations, but also has her hands tied to some degree on what can be done. The County's Open House at the Library was a success, and the County was happy with the amount of people that showed up. We have two open seats on the LUC and are interested in receiving applications from anyone interested in serving on the LUC. There was a recent meeting in regard to the new parking ordinance which passed 5-0 in front of the board. This will impact the number of cars on the streets, as it looks to limit the amount of parking required for new developments. The West San Gabriel Area Plan is still in full swing. Please be on the lookout for meetings in regard to the area plan as this will impact zoning for our area for a long time to come. The LUC meetings are the first Thursday of every month. Please try and attend if you can.

12. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Ms. Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – Our Discovery Program is going really well. In March we checked out 19,000 library items. We had 11,360 people come through our doors. This allowed us to rank second in the district. Thank you to the community for being so supportive of the Library.
- b. Park & Rec – No update given.
- c. American Legion – No updates given.
- 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. Kim K. – I'm here in opposition to possible rehab facility on Rosemont Ave. We are trying to write to Sacramento but would appreciate the council's support and any information you can provide about the intentions of this new construction.
- b. Nanor – Again want to express our concern about the U-Matter facility. There are people in and out of the facility all the time. It sounds like they are having parties there. They continue to constantly update their webpage and it changes almost daily. Nobody knows what services they actually provide. I continue to get signatures to the petition in opposition to this facility. Councilmember Lewin reads the letter from the Supervisor office regarding the U-Matter location.

14. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra - **Motion** to approve the March Treasury report as received by Councilmember Kim, Seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Approved unanimously.
- b. Election update – 2 people are interested in the alternate positions and have submitted a request. The Council will review and take it under consideration.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – Councilmember Lewin gave the following updates – We sent a letter on the new multifamily parking ordinance. Re-emphasizing our concern about the proposed parking change. Pancake Breakfast will be on October 12th at St. Luke's.
- d. Committee Reports
 - a. Scholarship Committee – No update given.
 - b. Streets and Transportation – No update given
 - c. Community Outreach – Our Neighborhood Watch Safety Meeting will be on May 8th.
 - d. Santa Monica Conservancy for the CVTC will be chaired by Aram Ordubegian.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.