

Minutes
April 15, 2010
La Crescenta Library Community Room
www.crescentavalleytowncouncil.org
Meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

1. Welcome President Davis
2. Presentation of Colors and Flag Salute CVHS Air Force JROTC with Boy Scout Troop 303 leading the flag salute. Harriet Hammons is their asst. scout leader.
3. Invocation Rev. Bryan Jones, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
4. Roll Call Council Recording Secretary Erickson
Robbyn Battles
Frank Beyt
Danette Erickson
Steve Goldsworthy
Kim Mattersteig
Robert Thomas
Todd Thornbury
Dennis vanBremen absent on beach in Maui
alternates
Charles Beatty
Silvana Casalegno
Kevin Kroeker absent
President Cheryl Davis
5. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2010 Moved by Charles and seconded by Kim. All approved.
6. Public Comments

a. Mike Lawler, CV Community Assn. Glendale is going ahead with their section of Foothill's community plan with meetings April 26 and 28 at Clark at 7pm to cover their recommendations. More info at www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/northglendalecommunityplan.asp
They are still working on "Save the Course" from losing the golf course to 200+houses.

b. Cheryl Davis for Paul Dutton, CV CERT There are 10 teams serving from LaCrescenta/Montrose, plus additional teams in La Canada and Sunland areas. Refresher class May 22 from 8 to 12:30 at CV Park. In case of a disaster, go to your area's team meeting place.

d. Steve Pierce, CV Chamber of Commerce
He brought maps of our valley which are used by local emergency units unfamiliar with our street names.
April 30 is a ribbon cutting for the new realty in the Palm Plaza at 3115 Foothill.
Saturday is Hometown Fair with entertainment all day long. Harriet Hammons told of her granddaughter performing with Valley View chorus.

e. Howard Hakes, CV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council Tuesday night they had 120 people at Verdugo Hills Hospital with topics of Social Drinking and Binge Drinking. April 22 will be a meeting in the La Crescenta Library with local law enforcement agencies.

Laurie Walthers of 2354 Briggs has a concern of 6:30 AM start at new large home on a double lot on Panorama street. She is also concerned that they tore out all the trees, plants and the building looks like a church or hotel. It destroyed her view, lost privacy in her backyard. She questions the home on wall not being reinforced.

Art Salis questions the lack of permits and the red tagging of the building while fines were paid.

Greg Smith just south said county inspector Marty pulled meters but claims all is to code.

Mark McCourtney is Saltis's contractor and knows the owner was fined extensively. There was a 30 year old cypress cut down.

Susan Smith and Jeff Welsh want to know if neighbors don't have rights as well as the developer has rights. They have lived there for over 29 years. He asked we review fines and permits and tree situation.

7. First Responder's Reports

a. CHP – Officer Ming-Yang Hsu The county will put more street lights at Waltonia and Park, have reduced the speed from 30 to 25 mph with new signs. He witnessed someone going 38mph and up hill too.

May 7 at 6 pm at Altadena community center near CHP in Altadena will hold a traffic class. He went over bike lane rules. Do not drive in a bike lane except to park, pull into a driveway or 100 feet before an intersection when turning.

May 15 from 9 to 12 will be "Discover Foothill" starting at Ralphs parking lot with CHP checking bikes for safety. Question about registering bikes and getting license plates, sticker was referred to fire stations. Glendale Police to not register bikes.

Frank Beyt felt a speed trailer should be in Montrose to warn drivers before ticketing when speed zones change. Officer Ming said one trailer shorted out in the rains so they only have one trailer at the moment. A Montrose Resident says speeding has slowed and thanks the new efforts.

Another question about legality of parking semi truckers on freeway overpasses sometimes to advertise. If in La Canada different rules than in the county. Commercial vehicles can be checked by registration if there is a concern to notify owner.

b. Los Angeles County Fire – Stephanie English reported on 49 calls from rescue to false alarms. We have a new Battalion Chief Brookhyser, Battalion 4 located at Fire Station 82. She quizzed the scouts on need for 1 gallon of water per day per person if earthquake. She will get back to us on bike registrations in fire stations.

c. Los Angeles Sheriff – Captain David Silversparre introduced new PM shift , 2 to 10 PM Deputy Randy Sudstrum. He will get bsck to us on bikes and 18 wheelers rules. Open House is June 12 and the Volunteer Dinner is this Wednesday. Cheryl is attending.

d. Department of Public Works, Flood Control District- Pat Wood reported on sediment and the debris basins still being cleared out, Cooks in Glendale , Dunsmuir and Pickens by mid May if we keep normal rainfall. Work now at Dunsmuir is on site with less trucks on our streets. Check the lacounty.gov site under CARE for schedules. Plan is to enlarge Pinelawn, Starfall and Mullaly Debris Basins.

8. Community Reports

a. Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library – Spring break was a break for the library as well with less students using the library to study. There will be no changes in hours during the summer plus a summer reading program. There are Parent Child Workshops for families.

Next Friday is the LA Opera and the Mother Daughter Tea capped at 55 with a waiting list of 25.

May 1 program is the history and future of Trader Joe's at the library.

May 15 will host a Historical Walk on Foothill plus Korean Dancers that day.

May 27 La Crescenta Stamp Club Charlie Beatty announced at the library as well.

Books the library needs are whatever the current movie might be. Kids I Can Read books are popular. When books are donated if they are not needed in the collection they are sold through Friends who no longer rent books. Marta is still working on volunteers who do need to have fingerprints on file.

b. Silvana Casalegno, Chair of Scholarships Committee said we have 11 applications with 10 from CVHS and one from St Francis HS. Interviews are April 21 at CVHS at 9 AM.

c. Frank Beyt, CV Town Council Co-Chair of Fundraising. Our current fund raising item is a helicopter ride for two with Steve Goldsworthy. One can bid on the web or at our functions.

d. Kim Mattersteig and Todd Thornbury, Co-Chairs of Community Events - Arbor Day told that all went well. Now they are working on getting the tree planted at Norma Ellis's property at Pennsylvania and Foothill with a tree moved from Walgreens site.

9. Nina Jazmadarian, Foothill Municipal Water District and Dennis Erdman, Crescenta Valley Water District did a presentation on Foothill Municipal Water and our state supplies. They showed pictures of the endangered Smelt fish in the Delta and why we are still in a drought. Charles Beatty asked why we can't raise smelt in a different area.

Our water was temporarily switched to the Glendale emergency pipeline while Foothill repaired corrosion in pipe which brings our water across Alta Canada Bridge over freeway from Rose Bowl area. With the rainy season and our conservation, we managed just fine on limited water. Glendale water is for emergency use only. We are on Level 2 water conservation with penalties from Metropolitan Water District if we go over our allotment. So far our districts have not had such a penalty.

CVWD has 2 wells out of service due to MTBE. With our water table at a low we do not produce our full allotment. Suggestion of another well could be considered. With rainy season there has been a 2 foot increase in our water table.

Water rates will be going up 7.5% twice in 2011 to cover cost of building facilities now that reduced water usage has reduced funds to the districts. CVWD is working on a \$75k grant to study recycled water. Our greatest water usage is outside so recycled water outside could keep us from asking MWD for more water than we are allocated.

Mr. Erdmann told of plan to capture storm water under CV Park by diverting storm runoff into galleries of rock so more water can percolate into the soil. If we received funding for this project it would be at least 3 to 5 years out.

Pennsylvania pipeline is being replaced with previous bond issues which we are paying off over 30 years. We may need to finance more bond issues.

Rain Barrel information will be on their website.

10. Council Business

a. Correspondence Council Corresponding Secretary Battles- none

b. Letter in support of Glendale's Foothill Boulevard Greening, Restoration and Beautification Project Councilmember Thomas told of all we have done for Foothill over the years from undergrounding utility poles to new water lines under the street and recent repaving of Foothill with Bike Lanes. We all received a

letter via email to connect our bike lanes to neighbor cities. Robert Thomas moved we send this letter and Charlie Beatty seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

11. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Danette Erickson introduced Corey Calaycay who is a past mayor of Claremont city running for the 59th state assembly seat which Anthony Adams is giving up.

Danette mentioned a letter in the paper from Betty Fitzgerald thanking the Supervisor for sponsoring Arbor Day for the Council which she was a part of starting.

Kim Mattersteig would like to set up a Dodger Night for both the Town Council and the Chamber.

Kim reminded us to attend a meeting April 22 in this community room by Glendale Police about self awareness by the drug coalition.

Todd Thornbury reminded us to come to the Hometown Fair and see the Car Show this Saturday at CV Park

President Cheryl Davis reminded us that Relay for Life will be May 16th and she will be participating and hoped we would all consider doing so as well.

Steve Goldsworthy said there are more street lights at Waltonia to help with speeding problem and that topic will be addressed again in June.

Robbyn Battles asked us to support the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition.

12. Executive Meeting at CV Water District Boardroom - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6

13. Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room – 7:00 pm Thursday, May 20

14. Adjournment at 9:17 PM