



MINUTES

February 18, 2010

Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm at La Crescenta Library Community Room

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1. Call to Order 7:01PM & Welcome by President Davis, About 50 in audience
2. Flag Salute CVHS Jr. ROTC with boy scouts from troops 303 ST James and 319 Dunsmore schools with scouts who attend Lincoln, Dunsmore and CVHS
3. Invocation Pastor Dave Roberts, Montrose Church
4. Roll Call all present Council Recording Secretary Erickson
Robbyn Battles
Frank Beyt
Danette Erickson
Steve Goldsworthy
Kim Mattersteig
Robert Thomas
Todd Thornbury
Dennis vanBremen arrived after the CVHS Founders Day celebration alternates
Charles Beatty
Silvana Casalegno
Kevin Kroeker
President Cheryl Davis
5. Nancy Au, Girl Scout Gold Award Project at CV Park and Announcement of Senior Tea Party on March 20 from 11 to 2 PM. Nancy thanked Supervisor Antonovich, Mr. Davis, Steve Pierce, Mr. Evans and the CVTC for their help in achieving her gold award by beautification of senior garden at CV Park.
6. Public Comments:

Cathy Cagle of Upper Briggs Terrace expressed concern of the residents for evacuations without the ability to come back. Hotels cost and they don't know how long they have to be out of their homes. They feel homeless without anywhere to go. They understand that agencies will be criticized if they don't evacuate. They can leave on foot. Fact that they can't come back is the reason some refuse to evacuate at all. They like restricting cars on the street but want residents only access. They want to sign waiver for a year instead of each storm. Safety yes, but don't unduly restrict residents. Develop a sign in and out system is their suggestion.

Public Comments to be continued after the Supervisor's comments.....

7. Supervisor Antonovich announced a new shuttle bus from union station to dodger stadium, a cooperation between AQMD and Metrolink decided today.
He thanked Cheryl and Steve Pierce for attending the county press conferences on mud flows and thanked Robbyn for getting the word and info out to the community via the CVTC website and email blasts.
He saluted Mike Lawler on the historical DVD that told of burying a 1934 boulder where Smith Toyota is today.
Dump trucks carry half loads due to weight of water to lessen damage to the rd
He promised a final resolution to the Dog Park by meetings with the residents in

Parks and Rec will get \$150k for trails but need community outreach. He announced Arbor Day on March 27th at 9 AM and hopes it won't conflict with his son's sport schedules. In response to Danette's question about blowing up the large boulders, he referred to Public Works, Mr. Hidelbrand who will see what they could do about the large boulders. Public works concern is to find extra locations to put the debris from the reservoirs. To Charles question of taking mud to the ocean. He said it costs more to transport it so far. There are 100 KRails and they are now being anchored so they will stay in place.

6. Public Comments continued:

Mile Lawler congratulates the council for their new meeting place at the library and thanked the council for donating to the medallion which now resides in the library.

The CV Assn. meets Wed the 24th at Dunsmore Comm Room with Glendale Planning to discuss the Community Plan for Foothill and Mansionization.

The Historical Society will have the Supervisor at their March 15th meeting to tell of his own life's story.

Harriet Hammons who brought the boy scouts as their merit badge counselor for citizenship in the community announced a car wash Sat Feb 27th from 8 to 3pm at GUSD parking lot on Ramsdell below Office Depot. They will be using environmental soap that doesn't require water donated by CVWD. Proceeds will go to the Lee family whose father was killed in the hit and run car accident recently. For more info 818 399 5738.

Kerry Erickson announced a vacancy on the CV Water District Board with applications needed to be turned in by next Friday Feb 26th. It is a two year position fill 2011 and the new director will be announced by Mid March.

Alex Rogic offered three suggestions to improve the new library.

- Put an exit from the upper parking lot in the distance corner to Sanborn for people who need to turn left up La Crescenta since there are no left turns from existing exit.
- Book Drop issue mentioned in paper neither the architect Scott nor the project manager Eric were aware of this issue.
- Improve getting out of the upper parking lot so cars don't scrape bottom.

8. Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2010 Motion to accept minutes as emailed by Frank Beyt with Steve Goldsworthy seconding and all approving.

9. Reports from Community Groups

a. Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce

Steve Pierce representing the CV Chamber had several announcements

Montrose chamber recognized Charles Beatty with Frank Roberts award & Roger Young & Paul Dutton CERT with organization of the year awards.

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March 6 10 to 1 pm Job Fair at Dodger stadium

March 6 8:15 AM LaCrescenta Offramp clean up, all are welcome to join the chamber and the council

March 10 Pre Smartathon Mixer at Toyota from 6 to 8 PM Members \$7 and non members \$9

March 13 Coffee with Glendale Police at Ocean View and Honolulu Coffee Bean

9 – 11 am with Sheriff at Starbucks in Ralphs shopping center

March 21 Chamber Day at the Races with BarBQ & parking for \$25

March 24 Smartathon at Verdugo Hills Hospital Community Room

April 17 10 to 6 Hometown Fair, Silent Auction and more

b. Paul Rabinov, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Since the Santa Monica Conservancy covers a large area the East Rim of the San Fernando Corridor will meet next Monday night to focus more attention to our area.

Bike Lanes are in place and he sees 3 benefits

- Drivers slow down and are more careful since their lane is now reduced to 11 feet from 13 feet
- Riders are safer
- Walkers are safer with cars further from the sidewalks

Robert Thomas commented that Mayor Andrus was instrumental in getting us a "complete street" where all 3 can share the roadway. Paul Novak put us on the map with the MTA. Now we \

with our lanes and get more bike racks as there are at Ralphs and Walgreens. Charles suggests rules of the road with bike lanes should be in our papers.

- c. Dennis Erdman, CV Water District was not present
- d. Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Librarian encourages concerns about the library to be presented. To solve the book drop problem, a trash can was moved to prevent hitting one's head on the book drop. She will bring Alex's concerns to her supervisors. The slope, car scraping concern, will be mediated by repaving the entire road.
Internet usage for minors requires a library card with a pin # plus if minors, parent approval of kind of usage they will be allowed. Minors are automatically blocked from wireless useage unless parents choose unfiltered access. Children limited means no MY Space access for example. Default is no access, so its up to the parent to choose and this privilege can be changed by parent request. Responsibility is the parents for what their children are doing. Tell your children not to share their cards with others for they will be responsible for all books checked out on their card. Inform library if a card is lost.
While library started out with food and drink, the rule now is only water.
During finals, 165 kids were on the floor studying so they will have to open the community room and may need volunteers to supervise from 3 to 6 PM.

10. First Responder's Reports

- a. Los Angeles Sheriff – Captain David Silversparre just returned from a meeting where weather conditions are ever changing. There will be evacuations in this weekend's coming storms as posted on the internet care site.

June 12th is Sheriff 's Open House.

On Feb 2, 224 homes were asked to evacuate and 98 refused to leave. No one present at tonight's meeting will be effected by this weekend's evacuation requests.
- b. CHP – Officer Ming-Yang Hsu just returned from aboard and was amazed to see what this town has been through with mud flows.
There were 10 collisions with 2 injuries with one a DUI. There were two traffic stops, Marijuana related. Waltonia was reported as a busy street and has 13 incidents since 2001. They will survey and may reduce the speed limits on that street.
The CHP will give tours of their Altadena station to scouts or anyone requesting (626) 296 8100.
Bike Lane rules state a motorist must stay out of the bike lanes unless up to 100 feet from intersection if turning. Bike riders can be sited for DUI driving as well as motorists.
Harry Leon is worried about traffic at schools especially Rosemont where there are no stop signs at crosswalk on Rosemont and was also drivers not respecting the stop sign from El Caminito onto Rosemont. With continual traffic at school drop off times its impossible for cross street to transverse onto Rosemont.
- c. Los Angeles County Fire – Stephanie English was present but referred her time to Batallion 4 Chief Martin. The smallest storms turned out to be the worse and the predicted worse storms turned out to be smaller. On Feb 9th at Ocean View, all we can do is get out of the way of the mud flow. With landslide today at 10 and 57 freeways we know the danger of saturated hillsides. If a house refuses to evacuate, fire will put a ribbon on your mailbox so they know who choose to stay in a mandatory evacuation. Not many go to shelters but prefer friends or hotels. In a disaster, firemen and sheriff will alert residents with reverse 911 calls.
- d. Henry Hildebrand from Public Works told of the county's extensive efforts to clean debris basins. Our 19 facilities have 5 at 100% clean, 5 at 70% clean and all by early March depending on future rains. Public Works staff will be out aggressively this weekend.

- 11. Suzanne Passantino, Allied Waste When roads have hard closures there is no trash pick up. When it resumes there will be extra staff to get cans to street for pickup. For help call 888 742 5234 or go to disposal.com or republicservices.com, their new name.
Suzanne presented Silvana with a check for \$1000 for scholarships and two certificates for a year of trash pickup to Frank for our silent auction.

12. Ann Ransford from Glendale Community College Board told of strong ties to the community to meet community needs. The state decides what tuition will be, not the Board. They are searching for a new Supt. and will announce by April 1 to start by July 1. In answer to a question, high school students will have a harder time getting into their summer school due to cut backs. Seniors are advised to seek early registration by March 8th. If in high school, no tuition but there are still other fees and books. This spring there are 15,740 students, a 2.67% increase in students. Cost is \$26/unit. They have many great programs including nursing, fire academy and pole climbers. One must be 18 or a high school grad or be in the jumpstart while in high school program. If the council wishes to tour the campus, Wed. is the day the food academy offers lunch.
13. Howard Hakes, CV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition. They have been focusing on getting a federal grant for \$125k with 150 pages due by March 19th. They have hired a grant writer. Kim, Robbyn Steve Pierce and Mary OKeefe are active in this program. Black Tar Heroin is on the rise. They meet the last Thursday of the month at the CV library with a parent/counselor group meeting every Tuesday at the Y.

14. Council Business

- a. 2010 Budget as corrected to give Arbor Day up to \$300 to spend was passed with one no vote by Frank.
- b. Correspondence Council Corresponding Secretary Battles had none
Danette had received a letter requesting a donation to the CVHS Falcon scholarship program but felt since we have our own scholarships we could not give to this scholarship too so no action was taken.

15. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Robbyn Battles had some strong concerns for the county to put in a sidewalk at El Adobe and Orange where the homeowner put out \$75k to re landscape for the sake of the children's safety. The county suggests we apply for a grant for some 25 feet of sidewalk so children don't have to walk in the street. Robert Thomas suggested writing to the Supervisor to get this done, but President Davis asked to wait to see if she can work it out with the Supervisor's office at the Arbor day meeting tomorrow.

Danette reported the banners are ready to go except for one thing that has to be resolved. It should be done soon.

Charles announced the Glendale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on March 11 for \$20. Call 249 7171 for reservations. The speaker is Ron Cey.

Silvano announced March 26 as deadline for scholarship applications. She will get application on our website.

Cheryl announced this Sunday is Montrose's 97th Birthday and we will have a booth.

Frank said Sunday is last day to bid on Extreme Workout certificates for membership. Bid is at \$200 for a \$500 membership.

Kim announced Volunteer Spirit as the theme of this year's Arbor Day on March 27 at 9 am at Two Strike Park. The Supervisor and Mary OKeefe will be the speakers with CVHS Jazz Band and Monte Vista Choir performing.

16. Executive Meeting at CV Water District Boardroom - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 4

17. Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room - 7:00 pm Thursday, March 18

18. Adjournment Steve Goldsworthy adjourned in memory of long time community and sheriff volunteer Gray Berg who gave more than 6000 hours to the sheriff volunteers. He died after a two year battle with cancer.

Adjournment at 9:32 PM.