



Minutes

January 27, 2010

Meeting started promptly at 7:00 pm at Rosemont Middle School cafeteria

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1. Call to Order & Welcome President Davis welcomed 30 in audience
2. Flag Salute Councilmember Frank Beyt
3. Invocation Father Gary Parker from St. Luke's Anglican
4. Roll Call Council Recording Secretary Erickson
All present except Robert Thomas
5. Appointment and Council vote on Third Alternate
President Davis pointed out with Grace Andrus's resignation Kim becomes a regular member and Charlie becomes the first alternate with Silvana the second alternate. As President she introduced Kevin Kroeker as her choice for third alternate. The council agreed with her choice and confirmed him as our new alternate. President Davis later read him the oath of office to which he agreed.
6. Comments from President
It has been a busy time with the rains and she thanked our first responders as she introduced them.
7. First Responder's Reports
 - a. Los Angeles County Fire – Stephanie English thanked all who evacuated and assured us it is never done lightly. They put flags on mailboxes to let them know who did not evacuate and asked that residents do not remove these flags. Chief Devalie was also introduced.
 - b. Los Angeles Sheriff – Captain David Silversparre thanked all for toy and food drive at Christmas.

June 12 is Sheriff's Open House.

There are mailboxes outside sheriff station to drop off drugs and needles. In the first 4 days the prescription mailbox was full.

He cautioned us to not let census takers into our homes or tell them any more information than who lives in the home. They are to have a badge, a census bag and an ID card. Never give social security number or other information. Talk to them outside your home. Don't let them in.

He looked into the concern last month of garbage recycle thefts and found that LA county has an ordinance 217296 as well as La Canada's 9.21900 against such thefts. It is a misdemeanor. The district attorney says the deputy must observe them stealing and if first time offense will give them an office conference.

He had a probation sweep in our area and 14 were arrested for drug possession. Remember to lock your cars and keep valuables out of site.

Let him know if u know who "usher" tagger is.

He worked with other first responders on evacuations with 75% compliance. Once you are out, you can't go back. There were lots of patrols during the day and roaming patrols at night to keep neighborhoods safe.

c. CHP – Officer Chris Cracroft not present

8. Proclamation for the Verdugo Hills Council, Boys Scouts of America's 2nd Annual "Ten Commandments Hike" to be held on January 30, 2010.

Dave Davis of Verdugo Hills Council Boy Scouts of America told of a 10 commandment hike scheduled for this Saturday. They will visit 10 area churches learning of their differences and similarities which each minister giving a little talk on one of the 10 commandments. Dede Mueller, Foothill District Chair was also introduced and praised for all she has done for scouting, earning the Silver Beaver Award. Christopher Davis an Eagle scout was introduced and Leader Jackie Trinidad encouraged families to go on this hike this Saturday for 4 miles. President Davis read a proclamation from the council about this hike.

9. Mark Pestrella, Los Angeles County Flood Control was the main speaker of the evening. He went to Cal Poly SLO and worked in Malibu. He is now L A deputy director of public works. His people were up 24/7 monitoring our storm which brought 7 inches of rain to La Crescenta.

His engineers gave advice to home owners in the burn area and placed k rails were needed. He explained how debris basins work. They are a hole in the ground with a tower to drain the water leaving the debris to accumulate. They can handle a 50 year rain and work with the street system to carry the rain away. They save some rain water by spreading it over the ground. He invited us to see operation center at 900 S Fremont in Alhambra when they are not in a storm. Our taxes are \$28/residence/year for flood control.

He showed maps and time schedules for cleaning them out. He said all of our debris basins have been cleaned and are at 100% capacity. Next, they will be cleaning out the dams. They will be moving 500,000 cubic yards of debris taking 50, 000 truck loads over a one and a half month period.

Public can call their help number 626 458 HELP

Harriet Hammons asked where the dirt goes. There are 5 sites where dirt is being deposited with Dunsmore park being one of these sites.

DeDe Mueller said trucks were going to Eagle site and the burn is two stories high. He said they have placement sites to dry the mud before hauling it away.

Stan Lamb our supt for our area was up all night watching out for us during these rainy times.

Big Tujunga Dam is to be retrofitted with a new dam in front of the old one.

Starfall resident invites him to come up to see their house and address their concerns.

Mark said they can not touch private property explaining why resident had to take out 200 cubic yards.

Alex Rogic asked about a website to see what is going on and was referred to ladpwcare.gov for road closures and links. If you sign up you will get ealerts.

Our storm season ends April 15th.

John Beckman questioned why different jurisdictions give different messages. Glendale sent out 6 calls while LA city sent out none. Unincorporated got 1 call. Paul Novak explained that each city handles it as they see fit.

There is no camera in Upper Shields and Mark does not favor having one. For looking full may be mostly water and not debris. Upper Shields is 50% full of debris.

Kim asked about Goss Canyon and was told it's not a debris basin but a timber structure that can catch 1000 yards. It will be cleaned out by Feb 3rd.

10. Introduction of La Crescenta Librarian, Marta Wiggins by president Davis saying we have been without a library for two and a half years. She thanked the Norbuts for the 2000 pictures they took during construction which will be in a video display at the library.

Marta is from Oklahoma majored in political science and lived in Japan.

Ribbon Cutting Grand opening is Friday at 2:30pm with Historical Society having an evening affair.

Saturday will have events for children with other "Marta", childrens librarian, for teens with Karen, teen librarian and for adults a cooking program. Diana and Marta are returning librarians.

Marta told of a call for volunteers and was overwhelmed at the 72 who showed up to get the 80000 items onto the shelves so quickly.

Danette asked how the library is being received. They have given out 1000 new library cards and one day at 4 pm they counted 189 in the library with need to sit on floor. It is final week however. Regular programming will start in February.

11. Public Comments

Roger Young Fire Safe Council thanked first responders and was glad his phone alert was used to alert 300 people. He voiced concern with Evacuation Fatigue and asked CVTC to take a survey of how many actually left when told to go. Captain Silverspare answered that 217 homes were asked to leave and 25.8% refused.

Dave Ford from Edison mentioned Smart Connect Meters to monitor your usage if under 200 kw. He left info with the council and would be happy to return to tell us more.

*Honorary Chamber Mayor Steve Pierce told of trees at Walgreens, replacing crape myrtle trees with London plane trees, 3 west and 2 east of the driveway.
This Saturday is freeway clean up at 8:15 am for chamber and cvtc members to clean up la crescenta offramp of the 210 freeway.*

Feb 10th is mixer at Dream Diners

Feb 19 ribbon cutting at Suntan business on Honolulu

March 21 Day at the Races with chamber and sheriff Support for \$25

March 24 Smartathon 11am at Verdugo Hills Hospital

The chamber office has lots of literature for residents so stop by

Claudia Mc Collum who lives at La Creescenta and Altura is concerned with students going to school by the offramp with no sidewalks. Steve Goldsworthy explained that funding is the issue. A state grant is being requested for 3 sites as a long term solution. The right turn will be limited to one lane turning.

Harry Leon donated \$100 to our scholarship program and wants to run an ad in the cv weekly stating he will give 5% of his gross sales for scholarships. He is a plumber. Charlie Beatty said we would discuss his offer at exec meeting.

12. Council Business

a. 2009 Final Treasurer's Report & Audit

Council Treasurer Dennis van Bremen

Approved as presented

Audit read by Secretary Erickson and approved.

b. Announcement and approval of 2010 Council Committees & Chair Assignments

Committees chair approval was moved by Erickson and seconded by Robbyn and approved.

Minutes were approved as emailed to members.

c. Correspondence

Council Corresponding Secretary Battles

Robbyn passed out a list of items received, a letter of elder abuse and mentioned a couple of phone calls

Ann Mc Neil congratulated Cheryl Davis

Jeanie Ostro was confused on evacuations.

Council woman Battles told of 38 new contacts for our email blasts and that 2065 viewed our site during the evacuations. She reminded us to update the calendar on our own

13. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Land Use Frank Beyt said there was nothing pending.

Youth Robyn Battles said the next Drug and Alcohol meeting is Thursday at 7pm in CVHS teachers lounge.

Fundraising Dennis vanBremen said Harvest Market is this Sunday and we have 3 Boot Camps certificates worth \$500 each on our web site going at \$150 each hoping to get that price raised. Got to our website to bid and check on our other planned items for silent auction this year.

Banner Danette Erickson said we have 6 banners going up 4 replacements for outgoing military and 2 new ones with new sponsors. She requested a check for \$330 to put them up.

Announcements

Womans Club rummage sale this Saturday at Clubhouse 4004 La Crescenta

CVHS Band Swing Night with dinner on Saturday Feb 6th at CVHS cafeteria

Streets and Roads Steve Goldsworthy said offramp entrance will be restriped for only one lane to turn right to enter. Grant for Safe Walks to school is being sought.

Parks Cheryl Davis said the garden at Two Strike aprk will be revamped this Sunday 11 to 1 pm.

Event co chairs Kim Mattersteig and Todd Thornbury reported on Arbor Day to salute the Spirit of Volunteers to be held Saturday March 27 at 9 am at Two Strike Park

Charles Beatty announced Glendale Prayer Breakfast Thursday March 11 at 7 am with Baseball hall of famer, Ron Cey \$20.

Silvana Casalegno said scholarships are ready to get started.

Kevin Kroeker is looking forward to getting involved.

Farmers Market this Sunday 9 to 2 pm

14. Executive Meeting at CV Water District Boardroom - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4
15. Next Council Meeting – 7:00 pm Thursday, February 18 at our new library with Supervisor Antonovich
16. Adjournment at 9:25 PM