

Minutes
May 20, 2010
La Crescenta Library Community Room
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1. Call to Order 7 PM & Welcome by President Davis

2. Flag Salute Boy Scouts Troops 303 & 317 Merit Badge Counselor H. Hammons

3. Invocation Pastor Bill Flanders, First Baptist Church of La Crescenta

4. Roll Call Council Missing Silvana Casalegno and Charles Beatty Recording Secretary Erickson

5. Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2010 unanimous approval

6. Public Comments
 - a. CV Chamber Jean Mallucio

May 22 Saturday is ribbon cutting and blood drive for Desi Geestman Fd at new location in Big Blue House across from Kragen in Ralphs shopping center.

June 9 is Caspian Mixer & the chamber's scholarship awards

June 19 E waste from 9:30 to 3:30
 - b. Lisa Yeghiayan from Prom Plus told of history of losing Berlyn Cosman, a CV senior at a hotel party in 1991. Since then the parents and school have an all night affair costing some \$20k at the CC YMCA. At 4:30 AM the door prizes are given out which the community donates.
 - c. Liz Nelson told of multiple burglaries in the Glendale Annex. They pounded on her door and asked for baby clothes to see if she was home.

7. First Responder's Reports
 - a. Los Angeles Sheriff – Captain David Silversparre announced Michelle Doll as the new CVHS Principal who has been working in the Drug Coalition.

June 12 Saturday is Sheriff Open House from 10 am to 2pm

There will be a run of sheriff down Foothill over to Altadena in memory of deputies we have lost. He reported on burglaries and asked that we be their eyes and ears especially in the 3100 block of Foothill.

Officer Brian Osborn reported on overpass parking saying its not a bridge so same 72 hour parking law applies. They watch it closing and if the vehicle stays 4 days they get a \$110 abandonment fine. They are watchful is any laws are broken.

Officer Voskanyan gave a 5 minute presentation on drugs especially Heroin that comes from the Opium plant. The effects last 3 to 4 hours and it is a very very bad drug. Package to look like brown sugar but smells like vinegar.

b. CHP – Officer Ming-Yang Hsu told of class May 22 in Altadena to focus on the highway for teens, 15 and up.

June 19 is their casino night fundraiser for widows and orphan fund at the Rosemont Pavillion. They lost an officer last Friday in an airplane crash.

Tip a CHIP raised \$2200 for Special Olympics.

He then presented our President with a huge picture of Cheryl on a CHP motor cycle.

8. Scholarships Councilmember and Scholarship Co Chair Kevin Kroeker explained our scholarship program to CVHS grads and seniors who live in our unincorporated area. The committee was very impressed with all the candidates so due to the community's generosity gave something to every applicant. He introduced Rita Hadjimanoukian from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's Office and Steve from Assemblyman Adams office to present certificates to the recipients. Mrs Linda Evans Principal was part of the congratulations handshakes as well.

Councilmember Erickson explained the new "Solveig Traeger" scholarship and brought up Rudy and Tom Traeger and her grandchild to present this new scholarship to Zachary Robin.

Councilmember Kroeker presented the other winners including three who received from Mr. & Mrs. Dick Seeley who annually work to raise funds from the 3900 block of El Caminito for our scholarship awards.

Our 2010 eleven winners besides Zachary Robin are:

Gaianeh Avanesian GCC

Allison Malmroe BYU

Juliana Kim GCC

Daniel Brehn UCLA

Richard Ray CSUN

Eric Wall Chapman

Joseph Natalizio Ohio State

Winona Bechtle Scripps Claremont

Elis Lee Smith College

Stacy Carlos UCSB

Harry Leon spoke to the graduates as one of the donors of scholarship funds after Krista Smiley started the community donations this year.

Recess for pictures downstairs in the library by parents, CVTC and CV Weekly.

8. Community Reports

a. Public Comments

Dennis vanBremen presented Linda Evans a certificate for all of years in education at CVHS.

Marc Stirdivant is working on Prop 84 grant for a new nature center in the I

He has spoken to various groups to see if the community supports this idea and everyone did.

Lynn Mc Guinness from the American Legion told of memorial day ceremony at Two Strike Park as well as in neighboring communities. He asked us to proudly display our US Flag and had some for sale for \$5 silk screen or \$10 stitched

CV DOGS Carol Fodera told of history for 3 years to get this park and the help the CVTC gave over that time. The Community Volunteers for Dogs off leach and socializing is happy to announce a public meeting Mary 27 from 6:30 to 8 PM at CV Park called by the Supervisor and parks to propose the dog park at CV Park and to get input.

President Davis introduced Larry from CV Parks who was in attendance.

b. Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library Summer reading program, book club on Tuesday nights.

c. Dennis vanBremen, CV Town Council Fundraising since we receive no funding is Allied Waste year of trash pickup. Bid on our website or at the Harvest market on the first Sunday of the month.

10. Presentation about the County Bicycle Master Plan –Abu Yusuf, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Assistant Bikeway Coordinator (626 458-3940 ayusuf@dpw.lacounty.gov)

He presented a power point of the master plan form Pennsylvania to Briggs and hopes to continue it in Glendale annex and La Canada. It was through community involvement that we got these bike lanes. The county wants input on the plan.

There are 3 kinds of bike lanes

Class I Separate right of way

Class II Stripped lane on the road as Foothill has

Class III Not enough room for stripes with the cars

Bikers have the right of way on any road. He encouraged us to attend a workshop June 17 at the Hart Park in Newhall. For more info go to their website at lacountybikeplan.org

He spoke of the benefits of biking and the county's objectives in purposing new bike paths. The county is working on a bike brochure similar to the CHP one. As for bike racks he suggested we identify locations with business approval. They like to put them on the street but that may take away a parking space.

11. Council Business

a. Correspondence Council Corresponding Secretary Battles from a resident about trash at a home.

b. Treasurer reports for March and April were approved at presented with Frank Beyt making the motion to approve and Steve Goldsworthy seconding. Vote was unanimous.

b. Verdugo Hills Golf Course Letter Steve Goldsworthy presented a letter to support the city park and preserve open space. It was approved to be sent.

c. Clean & Green - Parkway Trees Letter asking for \$15k for more trees in the unincorporated area not only on Foothill but around CVHS and other public and private places with owners approval. Approved to send on CVTC letterhead.

d. Bike racks letter proposed by Robert Thomas. He will talk to businesses for locations. Approved

e. Outdoor Theater Robert Thomas introduced Brianna Johnson an 11th grader from CVHS who put two pictures together to show what a theater would look like at CV Park. It's a 3 wall band shell using La Crescenta field stone to go near the existing basketball court to have CV Bowl at CV park. The question was whether an outside committee should be formed to study this proposal or do it under the CVTC. The vote was 7 to 2 to let Robert continue with a CVTC sub committee under the town council but getting the community to join this committee as well.

f. Medians on Foothill Danette Erickson mentioned that Glendale annex is discussing medians in their general plan and proposed writing a letter to the supervisor to ask for at least two medians in the unincorporated area, showing pictures of La Canada medians incorporated into the center lane where turning is not needed. It was suggested the letter go to Bill Waters and was approved.

g. 710 tunnel update by Sheri who asked we again send our objection to the 710 extension into our community. Motion to redo our past letter was approved.

12. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Kevin Kroeker reported on Directors and Officers Insurance and moved we purchase a plan from Great American Insurance group for \$735 annual premium with a \$1000 deductible. Todd Thornbury seconded. Kim suggested we do a Mark Anthony night at the Comedy Store to raise the funds. The vote was 6 to 3 to buy the insurance from a local broker.

Kim Mattersteig reports the Arbor Day tree will be planted in the next couple of weeks on Norma Ellis property near Pennsylvania.

The Grand Marshalls of the Lincoln annual Big Wheel race will be Dennis and Robbyn!!

President Davis thanked the scholarship committee for hard work.

Steve Goldsworthy will have a follow up traffic report in June on Park Place in Montrose.

Robert Thomas has purchased CVTC flags designed by Steven and son Justin Park from Monte Vista. He has 25 3x5 flags for \$56 and 50 2x3 flags for \$26 with a sleeve for mounting on a pole.

Robbyn Battles is working to form a Youth Council in September for 14 to 18 year olds including 7th graders living in the CVHS borders.

Discover Foothill was great this past Saturday. She brought the information on the back table as to things to do for kids this summer.

Danette had a call for another military banner and will hold application until we have at least 5 to put up since we have to make more banners at a cost of approximately \$450 each.

13. Executive Meeting at CV Water District Boardroom - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 3, 2010

14. Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room – 7:00 pm Thursday, June 17

15. Adjournment at 10:01 PM in memory of Christopher Schultz a friend of Kim Mattersteig.