



Minutes

January 20, 2011

La Crescenta Library Community Room

Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm

*Due to construction, the upper parking lot was closed.
With parking in the lower lot and entrance through the front library doors
To the upstairs Community Room.*

1. Call to Order & Welcome at 7PM President Davis
2. Presentation of the Colors & Flag Salute CVHS JROTC and Councilmember Todd Thornbury
3. Invocation Rev. Ardak Demirdjian, Armenian Apostolic Church of the Crescenta Valley
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Erickson
All present except Charles Beatty at Montrose Chamber event.

5. Introduction and Information regarding the CVHS JROTC Lt. Col. David Worley
Lt. Colonel Worley took a moment to explain the ROTC at CVHS. He told of all the civic events they attend and care packages they provide to military. There is no military commitment and it's really a citizenship program.
6. Introduction of 2011 Council with warm welcome to brand new members, Dr. Young Suh, Harry Leon and alternates Odalis Suarez and Charly Shelton.
7. Presentation proclaiming January 13, 2011 as "Korean-American Day" by Dr. Suh. It is the 108th anniversary of Koreans coming to settle in America. They have been recognized in many fields of accomplishment. Danette Erickson moved and Harry Leon seconded to present a resolution in support of the US-Korean Free trade Agreement. Pictures were taken.
8. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to our local elementary school crossing guards by
 - Lincoln: Michael Cartuccio Recording Secretary Robbyn Battles
 - Mountain Ave: Darlene Gutierrez & Jennifer Fiegele
 - Monte Vista: Jeanenne Wong and Benjamin Coria
 - Valley View: Carole Sabel and Maria Feeny
 - Dunsmore: Ashot Vilasyan
 - La Crescenta: Margaret Baca and Carlos ArevaloRobbyn commented that they protect our children and Dr. Hoge, principal of Monte Vista, said it was most appropriate to salute them during yellow ribbon week for safety. Their supervisors, Janet Paine and Angela Orosco added their approvals. Pictures were taken.

The reverend from the Korean American community wanted to read a proclamation approved by the US congress in 2005 for Korean American Day Jan 13th to commemorate the first 102 Koreans who arrived in Hawaii 100 years ago at that time. They want to give thanks to America.
Chairman of Korean Foundation of LA Mr. Park spoke of 8th anniversary of Korean American Day. We want to contribute to America. God bless America and Korean and Good luck in 2011.

9. First Responder's Reports
 - a. Los Angeles County Fire Stephanie English not present
 - b. Los Angeles Sheriff Deputy Jorge Valdivia mentioned that Captain Silversparre was at Montrose Chamber event being honored as the peace officer of the year. He thanked the community for donations to their Christmas Food Drive which provided for 200 families and 500 children. He was happy that 27 volunteered to give blood this week. He then went over the crime stats. If anyone sees a silver pickup that looks suspicious call the station.

- c. CHP Officer Ming-Yang Hsu said the CHP collected some 4200 toys for their Christmas Drive a 111% increase over last year with our Walgreens the highest contributor, more than double any other area. With Angeles Crest about to open their concern is that we have the highest motorcycle fatalities in the state, some 4 a year. He will start another class for first time drivers on Jan 29 at 2 PM. In 2010 there were 117 accidents, an 18% decrease over 2009 with citations up 37%.

10. Public Comments and Community Announcements

- Howard Hakes and Officer Matt Zakarian, Glendale PD, represented the Drug and Alcohol Coalition which received a \$625k grant to be used over a 5 year period. Julia Rabago and Howard went to Wash DC to get the grant. Their first priority was to find an executive director, Mr. David Marquez who they introduced. For now, they will share rent with the chamber. Mr. Marquez lives in the Mt. Washington area with a child attending a magnet school in Sunland plus involvement in area soccer so he is invested in our community. He has worked in local govt and private industry and knows how to bring in resources to see success. Officer Zakarian explained 50 to 60 applicants but choose David for he worked with City of LA to build the Field of Dreams a soccer field to clean up a drug area. He knows how to get businesses to provide drug testing and other needed help. There will be a retreat to vote regarding new board members soon.
- Mary O'Keefe, CV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition
Mary O'Keefe told about the fire house for youth on St Lukes property. They are open Tuesday from 6 to 9PM for high schoolers. The house is equipped with a pool table, pin ball machine, video games and more with a quiet room for homework studies. They had a speaker from fire station 19 about careers in fire. Feb 1 will be a teen art exhibit with a poetry night on Feb 22. Thursday mornings to cover for Rosemont's late start both Cheryl Davis and Steve Pierce have volunteered to open the house at 7:15 am till school opens at 8:30 AM. They hope to add Friday night as an additional teen night, but need volunteers and lots of food to feed the teens. At CVHS Prom Plus has a student club and 100 more students went to Prom Plus this year. A Prom Plus Club will get started at Rosemont Jan 31. Support the Prom Plus BBQ at CVHS on March 30th to help fund these activities. Prom is May 28th.
Two girls from the robotics club told of their upcoming trip to San Diego and Long Beach. They need sponsors and ways to move their robots to these meets.

11. Presentation by Glendale Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Richard Sheehan & Deputy Superintendent, Dr. John Garcia
GUSD Board President Greg Kikorian announced a PTA forum on Sat Jan 29th at the Pacific Community Center at 501 S. Pacific. There will be an Ed Source Speaker and school districts are invited to attend.

Dr. Sheehan thanked the Captain for his communications during the fire and rains. He also thanked Howard and Nancy Stone for their work to get the Drug Coalition started. He also thanked Robbyn Battles for being on the committee.

Save Our Schools is a bond issue on our April ballot. They studied parcel tax and found it to be unpopular with voters. Measure K was approved in 1997 and brought some \$95 million to our schools. Our schools have high test scores and 23 have received awards for excellence. All of our schools up here have API scores over 800 with many in the 900s as well. Measure S is needed now before the vehicle tax and other tax increases are on the June ballot. In '97, 74% approved Measure K. Depending on outcome of Governor Brown's request to raise taxes, the district will either be faced with a \$500k reduction or a \$9 million reduction if his tax increase doesn't pass. While the GUSD had a large reserve to cover these reduction years, it will be gone in just 3 years if the district does not do something. Measure K finished on time, under budget with money left over but it has been 13 years. April 5th is the election during spring break and he asked for support to maintain our quality of schools. Measure S will fund repairs and upgrades without increasing tax rates beyond measure K tax rate. As Measure S reduces cost of repairs it will free up funds for classroom instruction.

Questions from Mike Claessens. Dr. Sheehan assured him that a fair amount of the funds will be spent in our schools as well as all Glendale schools. He suggested that CVHS labs are now outdated. Before Measure K there were certificates of Participation which will mature in 2013 and be paid back. How will the money be spent? Lead and asbestos removal, solar energy to get Edison rebates, upgrade campus security and free up debt.

Danette asked about tax increase and was assured there will be no increase in your taxes. As Measure K is paid off instead of reducing your taxes they will buy bonds to keep the tax rate the same and provide more money to the district. An Advisory Board will oversee spending as it did with Measure K. For more information go to

Yes4S.com. He mentioned that our housing values have increased some 25% and believes it directly correlates to good schools. He is sending his teachers to 3 tech fairs to learn new ways to add technology to teaching, like smart boards.

To answer a question of why not trim before asking for more funds. He responded that they have made some 150 personnel cuts. The district has maintained enrollment by offering the dual language schools which bring more students into our district on permits to attend these schools. Measure S needs 55% to pass not the 2/3 that Measure K needed back in 1997. This will keep your taxes the same at \$46/\$110k of property assessment. With construction costs down, now is a good time to get these bonds.

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- Paul Dutton, CV CERT CERT class starts this Sat Jan 22 at the CV Park at Dunsmore and Honolulu.
- Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council. They are applying for a grant for Briggs Terrace in 2012 to reduce hazards to the area.
- Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library will celebrate one year since grand opening on Jan 29th with a puppet show at 2PM and the CVHS jazz band at 2:30 PM with birthday cake. Book club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. One can book a librarian for one on one computer training before opening hours. E books can now be downloaded as well as audio books. (Available for all e-readers except the Kindle.)
- Mike Lawler, CVCA will meet Fri Jan 28th at 7PM at Dunsmore Park to discuss local water issues with Glendale Water and Power and CVWD to discuss the MTBE clean-up site.
- CV Chamber of Commerce Julia Rabago had a e waste last Saturday collecting 8 pallets 6 feet high. Next mixer will be Feb 9 at the Armenian center at 6PM. Day at the Races is March 20. Hometown Country Fair coming Saturday April 16th at CV Park. Steve Pierce is receiving the Frank Roberts Award at the Montrose Chamber.

13. Council Business

- a. Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2010. Motion to approve by Dennis van Bremen and seconded by Todd Thornbury. Approved.
- b. Correspondence None Corresponding Secretary Battles
- c. Approval of November and December 2010 Treasurer's Report moved by Treasurer Dennis van Bremen and seconded by Todd Thornbury. Approved.
- d. 2010 CVTC Audit and year end report by President Cheryl Davis. Motion to approve by Danette Erickson and seconded by Robert Thomas. Dennis van Bremen moved to end the tree fund and place the \$16.55 into the general fund. Approved.
- e. Discussion and approval of 2011 Budget postponed to next month.
- f. Announcement and approval of 2011 Council Committees & Chair Assignments (attached) with Cheryl taking on the election and nomination committee with all 6 council members not running assisting her. Streets and Roads will be co chaired by Robbyn and Cheryl.
It was moved by Dennis van Bremen and seconded by Todd Thornbury to approve all committees except Land Use which still needs more discussion.

14. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Charly Shelton asks for volunteers for Fire House supervision on Thursday mornings.

Robert Thomas said we sold 31 small flags (\$26) and 12 big ones (\$50). To date we have profited \$90.

We are proud to have our new flag pole up in the community room with our local flag.

Robbyn Battles announced the Senior Speaker Series with March 24 Discounts for Seniors. She is working on reapplying for a safe route to schools grant, working with CHP, Public Works and Principals.

Todd Thornbury suggested March 26 for Arbor Day this year and will check with the county. April 2 is GUSD spring break and April 16 is Hometown Fair. He is working for CV Clean & Green/Park Beautification of CVHS. He commented that Measure K brought \$40 million in improvements but no new trees or greenery.

Danette Erickson moved we pay \$40 for new banners with the chamber for freeway clean up days.

Todd seconded and it passed.

Steve Goldsworthy announced the new striping for on ramp at La Crescenta with 2 lanes going straight and only right lane turning onto the fwy.

Cheryl told of all who helped clean the fwy jointly with the chamber. We were asked to put our clean up days on our website so the public can help.

The permit process for Encinal and Pennsylvania is still ongoing with difficulties.

15. Announcements

- **Executive Meeting – Thu, February 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the CV Sheriff Station Community Room.**
- **Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room – Thu, February 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m. will feature Community College President Dr. Dawn Lindsay and Board of Trustees member Ann Ransford.**

16. Adjourn 9 PM with refreshments from the Korean American Foundation.