



# Minutes

## June 9, 2011

*La Crescenta Library Community Room*

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1. Call to Order & Welcome 7:09PM President Davis
2. Presentation of the Colors & Flag Salute CVHS JROTC and Flag Salute led by Charles Beatty
3. Invocation Todd Thornbury
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Erickson  
Absent Charly Shelton
5. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2011 Moved by Steve Goldsworthy and seconded by Harry Leon. Approved.
6. Robbyn Battles circulated the petition to get a lighted crosswalk at Glenwood and Foothill.
7. First Responder's Reports
  - a. Los Angeles County Fire Stephanie English reported a structure fire probably due to overloading circuits. Ready Set Go booklet has the 8 Ps to remember to take in an evacuation. People, pets, pills, papers of value, pictures, PCs or computer hard drives, plastic credit cards and cash. CERT classes start this Saturday for 3 Saturdays at CV Park from 9 to 4 PM. There are 63 registered but will take more. They will have a German Science news Crew filming these classes and doing interviews on mud flow experiences.
  - b. CHP Officer Ming-Yang hsu says Angeles Crest is open and already two collisions. Slow down on the curves. At mile marker 41 and 60 there is only one lane due to mud slides so be ready to stop especially at night when there are only lights to warn you. Foothill Blvd has finished its traffic survey and 85% are traveling at 41 mph so speed will remain at 40 mph. Roger Young commented that La Canada has 35mph on their stretch of Foothill Blvd. Traffic surveys on other streets coming soon. Cheryl asked about Officer Fields who is still recovering from two surgeries for his femur and wrist. He will be retiring in 21 days.
  - c. Los Angeles Sheriff Deputy Jorge Valdivia gave the statistics for the month of May's 296 calls. There was a fight at Rosemont and a domestic dispute. 4 homes were broken into due to unlocked doors. CVHS locker thefts and 4 stolen vehicles. Roger Young asked what CVHS is doing about their problems. He said they have a full time School Resource Officer and private security personnel but they can't be everywhere. He is sure other schools have similar problems.  
June 21 Blood drive at the station for Huntington Hospital from 9 to 3:30 PM.
  - d. GPD Matt Zarkarian CV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition will have a meeting June 21 at 6:30PM at Verdugo Hills Hospital titled "Sex, Drugs and Social networking" and all are invited to attend.  
The Fire House is successful with 30 kids on Tuesday and will open on Fridays soon. We had a student overdose on ecstasy and is in Verdugo Hills Hospital.
8. Public Comments and Community Announcements
  - CVWD Dennis Erdman with Directors Bodnar and Putnam in attendance.  
First the water signs have changed to blue. We are out of mandatory restrictions but should still use water wisely. We accomplished a 20% reduction during the drought.  
Second, there will be a budget workshop on June 21 at 7PM when the Board will be asked to choose between a single digit raise in water rates versus a double digit raise. The two options for the next year's budget are needed to upgrade and replace old pipes so we don't have leaks. We can borrow money with single digit or pay as you go rate increase in low 2 digit range.  
Todd Thornbury commented that he took out his grass for native plants and received a \$500 rebate.  
Harry Leon said seniors just can't take more increases in water rates. Dennis said the lowest tier has not been getting rate increases.

- Paul Dutton, CV CERT will be with Fire CERT classes this Saturday. They are interacting more with schools and churches. They have their own 6 Ps - Pre Planning prevents piss poor performance.
  - Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council commented on taller grass this year due to rains. Aug 6 Saturday bring boots and gloves to clear brush up in Briggs Terrace from 7am to noon. Last year they had 50 people working together and then partying at Dr Piper's home. Grant request in works for 2 years to get money to pay people to remove trees. That area has high housing density and a canopy of trees which will carry fires. Briggs has only one way in and out, a challenge to fire fighters.
  - Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library announced the library's second annual chili cookout Aug 13 where one can win a LA County apron and a medallion. Last year there were 13 entries. She passed out flyers with all the summer activities for adults, teens and children. There will be games, entertainment and prizes for reading.
  - Steve Pierce, CV Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July tickets are on sale at the Montrose Farmers Market from June 19 up to the 4<sup>th</sup> for \$5. This year the Sardo Brothers Band will play for 4 hours. There are envelopes in the CV Weekly for contributions. June 11 at 7PM is Sheriff Memorial fund raiser at the Wine Cave in Montrose for \$20 with half going to the fund. It should be erected in August. Upcoming mixers are June 17 and July 13 with dine out nights July 5 at Franks for Pinola Fund and July 9 for Verdugo Hills Golf Course. July 23 is eWaste recycling at chamber office 3131 Foothill. All info on hard drives is erased.
  - Robin Goldsworthy thanked community for their help on Prom Plus. The CC YMCA donates their facility. This year 525 attended the prom at Universal Studios and 315 attended Prom Plus.
  - Cheryl commented on article in today's CV Weekly that Danette was the Woman's Club Citizen of the Year.
9. Jim Smith and Susan Pearson from LA County Parks announced the final drawings are done for the CV dog park with it going before the board on July 19<sup>th</sup> to award the contract. Then it has to go by flood control for their approval. Construction should start in August and be completed in March. A resident raised an objection to losing parking spaces at the park, forcing more parking on Honolulu. He suggested sidewalks and stairs to get to park from Honolulu Ave. He voiced concern that a letter he wrote to the Supervisor was never answered. Mr. Smith assured him the area they are taking is not stripped parking. There will still be 48 striped parking spaces and 2 handicap at that end of park and plenty of parking when the whole park is considered. There are 133 spaces in the whole park. They have had community meetings with your elected representatives from the CVTC and CV DOGS as the plans were developed. The drawings of exactly where it is going will be in the library. It will take a while to build for they use the LA Conservation Corp and can't take volunteers due to liabilities. Thanks to the Supervisor for bringing us the first county dog park.
10. Council Business
- a. Correspondence                      Corresponding Secretary Battles had none.
  - b. Approval of April and May 2011 Treasurer's Report Treasurer Dennis van Bremen just got back from Hawaii, no report.
  - c. Streets & Roads – Glenwood & Foothill      Co-Chair Robbyn Battles Mt Ave crossing guard request will be postponed for red stripping seems to be helping. Federal funding for safe routes to school grant is being re-applied for. Correspondence read from an Orange and Glenwood resident who wants a stop sign. Steve Goldsworthy suggested we ask CHP for the number of accidents at that corner before we request funds from the county for a traffic study and stop sign.
  - d. Land Use Committee      Co-Chair Cheryl Davis mentioned we had a 6PM meeting with a recommendation to approve the Frances oak tree encroachment with additional conditions to request bridging roots and inspections for 7 years. Robert moved and Todd seconded with all approving. Odalis a non-voting member abstained. Harry moved and Danette seconded to ask planning to keep us informed of Sandwich Shop parking permit at 3115 Foothill. All approved.
  - e. La Crescenta Post Office letter to not close our post office which has been here since 1888. Robert Thomas suggested the letter be shorter and easier to read with bullet points so Dennis will work with Robbyn to perfect letter. Robert moved and Charlie seconded that we write the letter with suggestions. All in favor.

11. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Robert Thomas said 11 bike racks are going in tomorrow.

Robbyn Battles expressed concern for girl hit by car on Ramsdell. She with our approval will ask La Canada to share their campaign to slow down drivers. Danette told of Crystal Wright asking Town Council for sidewalks on Ramsdell and getting them when Walgreens came.

Redistricting maps first draft will be available on line tomorrow. Then we can comment if we like them.

Robbyn announced ASTER July 28 at 4:30PM about senior safety with catered food and a raffle.

12. Announcements

- LA County Fire CERT Classes at CV Park – Sat June 11, 18, 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- CVDAPC Forum on “Sex Drugs and Social Hosting” at Verdugo Hills Hospital – Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.
- 4th of July Fireworks at La Crescenta Elementary – Mon July 4. Gates open 4:00 p.m. and close 8:30 p.m. \$5.00 per ticket. Kids under age 2 free.
- Regional Planning Commission Hearing regarding 2752 Frances Oak Tree Encroachment – Wed July 6, 9:00 a.m. (Continued from June 1, 2011)
- **CV Town Council Meeting in the La Crescenta Library Community Room – Thu July 21, 7:00 p.m.**
- ASTER Senior Speaker Event #2 in the La Crescenta Library Community Room regarding safety and protecting seniors from fraud, preventing misuse of medications, looking out for loan scams and recent crime activity.– Thu July 28, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjourn at 8:50 PM