

Crescenta Valley Town Council Minutes

March 17, 2011

La Crescenta Library Community Room

1. Call to Order & Welcome 7:06 PM President Davis
2. Presentation of the Colors & Flag Salute CVHS JROTC and Flag Salute
3. Invocation Prayer for Japan Robert Thomas

4. Roll Call All present except Charlie Beatty and Charly Shelton Danette Erickson
5. Certificate of Appreciation from the General Consul of the Republic of Korea
To LA County Fire Station 19 Dr. Young Suh

6. Proclamation – March is Community Safety Month to Sheriff Dept. Cheryl Davis

7. First Responder's Reports
 - a. **Los Angeles Sheriff** Deputy Jorge Valdivia went over crime statistics.
5 kids arrested for a bike theft at the library.
\$6500 of suits stolen.
Rosemont altercation between skateboarders and teacher.
CVHS backpacks stolen.

 - b. **CHP** Officer Ming-Yang hsu went over Jan and Feb statistics.
Governor Brown has released grant funds to open Angeles Highway by end of April, weather permitting.
They will have more patrols for motorcyclists to reduce fatalities to less than 4/year.
Start Smart class is available for Teens and Parents.

 - c. **Los Angeles County Fire** Stephanie English reported on a structure fire on El Caminito with \$100k of damage both inside and out. It started over too many electrical cords. Do not overload your circuits. Members of our fire dept are off to Japan working with Virginia and United Kingdom teams. The debris is so layered they have found no survivors. They are 300 miles north of the power plant and their radiation monitors have not gone off. Public health info is on the back table. They do not recommend taking Potassium Iodide for no increased risk and it has negative side effects. We have absolutely no risk, but we should prepare for earthquakes. They are offering two CERT classes with the La Canada class filled. The La Crescenta class starts June 11 and is 1/3 full.

 - d. **CERT** Paul Dutton reminds us that we could have a Japan here as well. There are 500,000 seeking shelters and it's Day 6 with 37 degree weather. They anticipate the death toll could go as high as 10000. While we say we should have 5 to 7 days of supplies it could be 3 weeks without food.

8. **Glendale Unified School District Board** of Education Election April 5. All candidates were invited to ask for our vote, but there is another forum also this evening.
 - Mary Boger did not appear.
 - Todd Hunt ran four years ago and lost by only 230 votes. He lives here in the Crescenta Valley and will bring the voice we need. He is a Hoover Grad moving here four years ago with his four children. Two have graduated and 2 are a freshman and a junior at CVHS. He is committed to our schools, is on the Board of directors of CV Prom Plus, the Drug Coalition and works the Montrose Christmas parade. He is not just talk but shows up and works. He supports Measure S especially since he is a VP of a technology company.
 - Dan Cabrera President of his property owners group, a retired teacher at Glendale High school.

 - Ami Fox did not appear.
 - Jennifer Freemon a teacher and parent of 3 children - 6yrs, 4yrs and 9 months. She wants to give parents more options. She is a coach of water polo at Hoover and her husband teaches at CVHS.

- Ingrid Gunnell did not make it so her husband spoke on her behalf. She is a 13 year teacher with a master degree in early education. They have 2 children. Her goal is to get more students to graduate.
- Nayiri Nahabedian has been on the board for 4 years. She advocates small classrooms, safer schools and excellence in learning. She likes the Coalition against drug use in the CV community. We have awesome schools, PTAs and businesses. She came to help the CVTC clean the fwy last weekend.
- Vahik Satoorian is a CPA at a firm in Glendale. He is taking time to run during tax season for he wants someone with finance background on the board. He has been a community activist for 25 years. He is president of a non-profit for after school programs teaching Armenian language and sports. One of his daughters is a science teacher at Rosemont and a coach. He feels he can guide the board through their financial crisis for he has been treasurer of many non profits. What is missing from meetings between teachers and GUSD board are students. The USA is ranked 18th among nations. GUSD is ranked 146 out of 750 districts in CA.

10. Public Comments and Community Announcements

- Linda Evans retired principal of CVHS thanked CVTC for what they have done and asked for support of Measure S. Measure K brought 4 new buildings to the CVHS campus. The PTSA has given pockets of great technology to the school but now the whole school needs to have this great technology. Linda explained the ballot which she found perplexing with 2 cards, one for Glendale City council and GCC board and the other for GUSD board and on the back Measure S. The Evans will have a granddaughter and hope she will go to our schools someday.
- Tami Carlson President of the GUSD Teachers Assn agree lots of computers are great but what about class sizes. Clark had 45 teachers and now has only 33. No matter how great the technology we need teachers. 36 students in a class is too many. If Measure S passes she wants the \$19 million freed up to go to class size, not to remain where they are now. The district will not agree. All temporary teachers are to be let go next year. She wants the district to commit to class size reductions. The bond money cannot go to class size but only to technology and buildings. One on one time helps the students the most.
- La Crescenta Debate Team Jinny Kim, Julie Kim, Min Young Huh and Thomas Kil brought us a present of sweets to thank us for our guidance and support. They discussed immigrant population. Legal immigration takes time and money. They are debating to raise awareness of a generation of immigrants. Their next competition is in April and they will email us the details so we can come and watch them.
- Susan Bolan and Sherry Stubbs discussed the 710 extension which will bring more trucks into our valley. They mentioned other freeways that never were finished, Barstow and Beverly Hills asr examples. They ask we get more involved at upcoming meetings; March 22 at GCC 6PM or April 5, 6 or 7 up here. They have gathered a notebook of facts about this \$14 billion tunnel and feels Supervisor Antonovich favors the tunnel.
- Dennis van Bremen, CV Town Council's Arbor Day – Saturday, March 19, 2011
The tree is a pink trumpet to go in front of the library at CV High School.
- Harry Leon, CV Town Council Scholarship deadline is March 28th with interviews April 12 and 13th(if necessary). He is seeking funds for the scholarships.
- CV Chamber of Commerce Todd Thornbury Hometown Country Fair April 16 with a car show with 50 cars, rides , games and booths. Day at the Races is this Sunday at 11 AM.

- David Marquez, **CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition** is in his second month. Now that he has gotten through the bylaws and legalities he is ready to implement the programs, parent support at the YMCA, Rosemont Youth Crisis Prevention Program, Prescription Drug drop off day April 30th 10 to 2 PM, location not yet chosen. Danette questioned why it won't be at sheriff station where the mailboxes for drugs are already in place. He said he may do it there. There will be a lock your liquor campaign as well. Robert questioned if there are drugs on the tennis courts at lunch time and why the school can't stop this activity. David said he leaves schools to law enforcement. He is working with the Firehouse and career development, preventing social hosting or allowing alcohol use at homes. The Coalition has monthly board meetings with quarterly larger meetings. He will expand on the good things we already have in place.
- Mary O'Keefe and Robin Goldsworthy spoke on **Prom Plus**, giving the history of the prom tragedy of 1991 when Berlyn Cosman was shoot to death at an after prom party. Prom night and Grad night are the most dangerous nights in a high school senior's life. Grad night is Disneyland or Magic Mountain parties. Prom Plus attracts some 400 seniors but costs \$20,000. May 1 is Taste of Montrose from 11 AM to 2 PM for \$20 . Mary spoke of Firehouse art show and paintings sold to Rosemont Principal Livingston. There will be a rummage sale after spring break for Relay for Life. They need donations and volunteers. The Montrose Bowling Alley is open on Mondays and she encourages its use for teens.
- Marta Wiggins, **La Crescenta Library**. The library had a Leprechaun Punch Party for St Patrick's Day with cookie decorating. April 25 the sign ups start for the Mother Daughter Tea May 7th. Only 21 can attend. April 16 is Friends of the Library Book Sale with preview on Friday for Friends members. Arbor Day she will have the Wheel to spin for prizes.

11. Council Business

- a. Dennis van Bremen moved and Robert Thomas seconded approval of **Minutes** from February 17, 2011. Motion passed.
- b. **Land Use** Committee Cheryl went Hearing Officer meeting downtown. The Land Use Committee recommendation to approve oak tree removal at Ramsdell property was approved with forester asking for one additional inspection of new trees health.
- c. **Correspondence** Corresponding Secretary Battles read invite to Glendale YMCA Legacy Luncheon March 31
 - Rosemont has students entering the LA Marathon who have had extensive practices. She moved the runners who complete the marathon be honored at our April meeting and the Builders Club. All agreed.
 - Letters were sent for 4351 Briggs property.
 - We received an invitation to participate in the Hometown Country Fair. We will share a booth with CV DOGS.
- d. No **Treasurer's** Report

12. Committee Reports and Items from Council

- **Streets and Roads** – Glenwood and Foothill letter for a lighted crosswalk was read by Robert Thomas. Motion to send made by Robert and seconded by Todd. Approved with several small corrections.
- **R-1 Survey** letter read by Robert Thomas to send our survey results to the county for further direction. Robert motioned to send and Robbyn seconded. Approved.
- Odalis Suarez moved we establish a **710 Tunnel** committee to get the word out about the upcoming meetings. Harry seconded the motion. Robert asked what the committee would do. Get word out, communicate input and give council comments. Council has written letters in the past in opposition to the tunnel emptying at Huntington Hospital onto the 210 freeway. The committee was approved with Odalis to chair.

- Harry Leon asked for names of all **veterans** who have been killed in action to be remembered May 30th .at Two Strike
- Todd and Dennis reminded all to be at **Arbor Day** with whatever they agreed to bring or do.
- Robbyn Battles went with Eagle scout to see Sussy Nemer about “Crescenta Commons” (corner of **Rosemont and Orange**). They were most impressed with the Scout’s project and Sussy will take it to Public Works for approval.
- Danette Erickson proposed a **bylaw change** to include Self-addressed stamped envelope to receive an absentee ballot. Dennis seconded and it was approved but will be read again next month.

Appendix A item 1 will read

Absentee ballots will only be available upon request by mail. Send a letter, requesting an absentee ballot to the Town council’s PO Box 8676, La Crescenta, CA 91224. There is no form to request an absentee ballot. All that is needed is a note requesting the ballot including the registered voters full name, address, phone number, signature and SASE to receive the ballot. Requests relayed orally will not be honored. Absentee Ballots will be sent to the registered voters address as on the voter list. Each voter must request their own ballot with their own signature, but there may be one letter for a household as long as all of the names and signatures are included and one SASE/ household with sufficient postage.

- Steve Goldsworthy noted new **reflectors** on Briggs and Pennsylvania.
- Robert Thomas questioned the **Drug Coalition** to stop the students from bringing drugs to school and not to do it at lunch time. He says there should be zero tolerance with expulsion if caught. He asked out of 2900 students how many got expelled? Mary O’Keefe says we need another SRO so we have one on each campus again. Behavior of students needs to be corrected at lower grades like 5th or 6th before they get into bad habits. Danette asked about other churches besides St Luke’s and what they are doing for youth. While the Baptist church does not have a youth minister at this time, the Montrose Church has a program. Mary will look into the questions and statistics Robert asked for.
- Steve noted changes to **Park Place**.
- Cheryl noted no parking on **Ocean View freeway** overpass after a week of red tagging. She commented there is a delay on **Dog Park** but it is still on track for a public bid with no revised time line.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of **Rocky Battles** who lost his battle with cancer. Robbyn Father was well known and loved in the community.

13. Announcements

- **CVTC Arbor Day at Two Strike Park - Sat March 19, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**
- CVIM Foundation Outdoor Family Korean BBQ at CVHS Quad - Sat March 19, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (\$10)
- CVHS JROTC Flag Retirement Ceremony at CVHS – Sat March 19, 3:00 p.m.
- CVCC/CVSSG Day at the Races - Sun March 20, 11:00 a.m. (\$25 Adults or \$15 for 17 and under)

- MVCCC Glendale City Council Candidate Forum at the Sparr Heights Community Center – Mon March 21, 7:00 p.m.
- Smart-a-thon at the VHH 4th Floor Council Rooms - Wed March 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (\$35 includes lunch.)
- GUSD Board of Education Candidate Forum at the Dunsmore Community Center - Wed, March 23, 7:00 p.m.
- Assisting Seniors Through Enhanced Resources (ASTER) "Senior Discounts in LA County" in the La Crescenta Library Community Room – Wed March 24, 4:30 p.m.
- La Crescenta Woman's Club Fashion Show - Sat, March 26, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (\$30)
- Measure S Panel at the La Crescenta Library Community Room - Tue, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
- Election - GUSD Board of Education, GCC Board of Trustees and Measure S - Tue April 5
- CVCC Hometown Country Fair at CV Park - Sat, April 16, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **CV Town Council Meeting in the La Crescenta Library Community Room – Thu April 21, 7:00 p.m.**
- La Crescenta Freeway Off-ramp Cleanup – Sat April 30, 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.
- Tri-Chamber Mixer to celebrate The La Crescenta Woman's Club 100th Anniversary - Wed, May 4, 6:00 p.m.
- Prom Plus at the YMCA of the Foothills – Sun, May 29, midnight - 6:00 a.m.

14. Adjournment 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Danette Erickson, Recording Secretary