



# Minutes

## May 19, 2011

*La Crescenta Library Community Room*

7:00 pm

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1. Call to Order & Welcome President Davis
2. Presentation of the Colors & Flag Salute CVHS JROTC and Flag Salute led by Boy Scout Troops 118(6 scouts), 303(1 scout), 288(2 scouts)
3. Invocation Rev. Paige Eaves, Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Erickson
  - 7 members present CDavis, DvanBremen, SGoldsworthy, DErickson, RThomas, HLeon, OSuarez
5. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2011 Harry motioned and Dennis seconded, all approved.
6. Date Change of CVTC meeting from June 16 to **June 9** Steve moved and Danette seconded to change the date to a week earlier due to graduations. Motion was approved unanimously.
7. Presentation to Council by Fred & Debbie Koegler  
Danette introduced the Koeglers whose son's military banner hangs right outside the library. They showed a picture of their son with one of the M17 helicopters he flies from same base where the famous Seals flew their famous flight to get Bin Laden. Fred flew an American flag over Afghanistan to present to the Council with a plaque from the military to thank the Council for remembering the military with our banner program. Cheryl accepted for the Council.
8. Mary O'Keefe and Lisa Yeghiayan, Prom Plus and the Fire House. Asked all to donate prizes for the end of the evening drawings, to sign the petition for a lighted crosswalk at Glenwood and Foothill and to go to their website for more information visit [www.promplus.org](http://www.promplus.org). Volunteers are needed at the fire house on Tuesday 6-9pm for high school and Thursday 7:15 to 8:30 am for middle school students. They would like to open on Friday nights as well. They will have a day with a mini skatepark at St. Luke's plus air hockey and a pool table are part of their fire house youth center.
9. Congratulations to Jennifer Won, 12th grade student at CVHS, winner of the 2011 29th District Congressional Arts Competition Councilmember Odalis Suarez presented a certificate from us. Her picture of her grandfather will hang in the halls of congress for the coming year. She was chosen by Congressman Adam Schiff.
10. New Hope Academy Global Debate Students presented the Council with certificates of appreciation as they announced they won first place for international debate and will now go to Turkey. They presented Cheryl with a special plaque of appreciation for her support.
11. 2011 Crescenta Valley Town Council Scholarships Scholarship Chair Harry Leon thanked his committee, Cheryl, Dennis, Danette, Silvana Casalegno Dick Seeley and Steve Pierce. He then introduced the
  - Donors – Dick and Lucille Seeley, 3900 El Caminito; Susanne Passantino, Allied Waste; Armond Abramian, SOCAL Recycling Industries. Ed Warren of Kids Art and Dr. Young Seok Suh were not present.
  - Introduction of Representatives – Carlos Cortez, Congressman David Dreier; Steve Johnson, Tim Donnelly, Assembly District 59th District; Rita Hadjimanoukian, Supervisor Antonovich; Principal Michelle Doll, CVHS
  - Presentation of CVTC 2011 Scholarships from the 26 interviewed by the committee. Harry thanked Dr Doll and the CVHS faculty for such enthusiastic students. He reminded the students to always remember their family, community and country.
    - Daniella Camarillo - Academic Scholarship
    - Arami Matevosyan - Academic Scholarship
    - Kate Redmond - Vocational Scholarship
    - Hannah Park - Community Service Scholarship
    - Dustin Park - Post-Secondary Goals Scholarship
    - Andrea Kizyma - Lucille C. Seeley Scholarship
    - Katherine Freeman - 3900 El Caminito Scholarship
12. First Responder's Reports & Others
  - a. CHP Officer Ming-Yang hsu gave out the April traffic report with 10 traffic collisions. He expressed reservations on lighted crosswalks giving kids false security, pointing out an incident in Duarte where a child had the light and still got hit. The CHP gave out 1100 tickets state wide for talking on cell phones. He thanked Cheryl and those who supported Tip A Chip fundraiser which netted \$2100. Angeles Highway is opening the first two weeks of June after road resurfacing. Bikers and Hikers go up against the rules. He introduced Kevin the new Community Officer who has been with the CHP for 19 years. Danette asked about the metering going on La Crescenta Ave and he said the speed survey has expired, making it hard to enforce speeding tickets on La Crescenta until a new survey is completed. Then the speed may be adjusted according to the rate most drivers drive. Every 7 years a survey is required by law.
  - b. Los Angeles Sheriff Captain Silversparre and Deputy Jorge Valdivia  
The Captain said that Fred Koegler has been a most loyal member of Montrose Search and Rescue for 35 years. This Sunday at 1:45 there will be a run from the sheriff station to La Canada and all are welcome to join him. He thanked Paul Dutton for the CERT review at Rosemont on May 7<sup>th</sup>. A Korean commander will be visiting the station next week from Korea. The murdered lady found on our off ramp in La Crescenta presents a problem for no one knows where she was murdered but as of now it's their investigation. Always report suspicious activities, people who may not belong on your street for there are stolen checks again and break-ins. They are looking for a dark blue Honda Civic with 4 people one with a shaved head who were seen stealing in La Canada. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> OSH commercial burglary suspect had 24 felony counts and is now in jail for 7 years and 8 months. Aug 2 is National Night Out from 5 to 7 PM probably in the Ralphs shopping center. More neighborhood watches are needed since property crime is our biggest problem. La Canada is having a "Bear" talk at the sheriff station tonight. Bottom line: don't leave food out for the bears to be attracted into our neighborhoods including trash cans.

- c. GPD Matt Zakarian spoke of Drug Coalition June 21 will be a forum on Sex, Drugs and Social Hosting  
Next board mtg is June 3 at 6 PM at the CV chamber office. Anyone can attend.  
April 30<sup>th</sup> collection of prescription drugs had 150 lbs at sheriff station and 177 lbs at CVS in Montrose.  
Goal is to get narcotics out of family medicine cabinets.
- d. Roger Young Fire Safe Council told of a bear sighting on Pine Cone Road. He suggested carrying a whistle if you walk alone and suggests you don't walk from dusk to dawn.  
He reminded us that brush clearance time is here again. Avoid a tree canopy where fire can go from tree to tree.
- e. Marta Wiggins June 6 is summer kickoff of reading programs with a drum circle. Belly dancing and 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chili cook-off are planned for this summer plus magic puppet shows, art and board games, yoga and henna lanterns.  
The mother daughter tea for mother's day was such a hit it was completely booked by 1 pm of the first day as was the holiday tea. Check their website for continuing information.
- f. Steve Pierce says the ASTER card is catching on with Bonners Rentals coming on today. Go to [www.theAster.org](http://www.theAster.org) to see who gives discounts.  
June 4 is Clean up of La Crescenta off ramp at 8:30 am  
June 8 is CV and Montrose chamber mixer at 4005 Foothill at Lowell 6 pm \$6 for members.  
June 7 is another Dine Out night for Mary Pinola fund from 5 to 8 PM  
If interested in a Chamber Directory ad call 818 248 4957 for details.
- g. Dennis van Bremen reported for Mike Lawler that the CVCA meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Dunsmore will feature Public Works discussing the controversy of emptying Devils Gate Reservoir.
- h. Mike Baldwin, American Legion, announced Memorial Day remembrance at Two Strike Park at 8 AM. If you know any one killed in action from anywhere they will put up a remembrance for that person. Their memorial is not for politicians but to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

### 13. Council Business

- a. Correspondence None
- b. Approval of March Treasurer's Report Moved by Treasurer Dennis van Bremen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve G and approved.  
Dennis announced Oct 8<sup>th</sup> for our pancake breakfast at CVHS at 7:30 AM.
- c. Streets & Roads – Glenwood & Foothill Reported above
- d. Land Use Committee Co-Chairs Odalis Suarez, Robert Thomas, and Cheryl Davis  
Odalis and Robert introduced architect Rafi Nazaryan for a new Sandwich shop at 3115 Foothill to be open from 11AM to 11 pm daily. The county asked him to get our input on the parking deviation needed. With 24 seats the parking required is 8 spots limiting the other retail to less of the 61 parking spots. The county will notify those within 500 feet. Robert Thomas felt this was a matter for the shopping mall and maybe the chamber but not us. Steve G moved and Harry seconded to hear this applicant after the letters go out at our June 9<sup>th</sup> Land Use Meeting at 6PM. Motion approved 6 to 1 no vote.  
2752 Frances encroachment of 4 oak trees will also be heard that evening.
- e. Hometown Heroes Military Banners Chair Danette Erickson is still waiting for a 5<sup>th</sup> applicant
- f. Election Absentee Ballots Past Chair Danette Erickson moved and Steve G seconded the Bylaw Appendix A1 change which passed unanimously. The new reading will be:  
Absentee Ballot Procedures
  - 1. 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 Self Addressed Stamped Envelope 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 on letter for a household as long as all of the names and signatures are included plus a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope/household with sufficient postage.
- g. Redistricting in California - Danette read a letter requesting the unincorporated area be in the same district with our neighboring communities. Danette asked that we drop the part about water from Glendale and instead add that our sheriff, fire and water come through La Canada. We voted to write the letter with Robbyn and Cheryl making the needed changes getting it mailed ASAP since the districts are already being decided. Danette commented we will probably be in US congressman Schiff's and no longer in Dreier's district.
- h. D&O Renewal President Cheryl Davis asked us to renew for another year at \$685/year. The vote was yes 5 and no 2 so insurance will be renewed. Robert and Danette were the no votes.
- i. La Crescenta Post Office Danette moved and Harry seconded to write a letter to keep a La Crescenta Post Office. Motion passed and Cheryl will write the letter with Robbyn.

### 14. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Odalis reported on No on 710 needing funding to distribute the booklet of reasons the tunnel is not a good idea. Danette reported she is attending the Metropolitan Water District meetings monthly. Fortunately we have had a good year for water supply.

Cheryl reported on Relay for Life and her activities with Harry for the Armenian Sisters Academy 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the old Montrose School site and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event for the Armenian Relief Society, Armenian Cultural Foundation and Homenetmen.

Saturday will be a Civil War remembrance at CV Park sponsored by the Lanterman and our Historical Society at 1 PM.

### 15. Announcements

- Prom Plus at the YMCA of the Foothills – Sat, May 28, 11:30 p.m. – Sun, May 29, 5:00 a.m.
- Memorial Day Ceremony at Montrose Vietnam War Memorial – Mon, May 30, 7:45 a.m.
- Memorial Day Ceremony at Two Strike Park Memorial – Mon, May 30, 8:00 a.m.
- **La Crescenta Freeway Off-ramp Cleanup – Sat, June 4, 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.**
- **Regularly Scheduled Land Use Meeting in the La Crescenta Library Community Room – Thu June 9, 6:00 p.m.** (Note time change from 6:30 p.m.)
- **CV Town Council Meeting in the La Crescenta Library Community Room – Thu **June 9**, 7:00 p.m.** (Note date change from Thu June 16 due to GUSD and local school graduations)
- LA County Fire CERT Classes at CV Park – Sat June 11, 18, 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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)
- ASTER Senior Speaker Event #2 in the La Crescent Library Community Room regarding safety and protecting seniors from fraud, preventing misuse of medications, looking out for loan scams and recent crime activity.– Wed July 27, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

### 16. Adjourn at 9:34PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Danette Erickson, recording secretary