

Minutes

February 17, 2011

La Crescenta Library Community Room

1. Call to Order & Welcome President Davis 7:05PM
2. Presentation of the Colors & Flag Salute CVHS JROTC and Boy Scout Troop 317(selected as organization of the year by Montrose chamber) Harriet Hammons asked us to support the annual Boy Scout Big Strike Auction Dinner on March 25th at the Castaways in Burbank.
3. Invocation by Rev. Steve Van Meter from the Church of Spiritual Living
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Erickson - All present except Dennis van Bremen who left after Land Use meeting so Charles Beatty was a voting member for the evening.
5. First Responder's Reports
 - a. CHP Officer Jose Barrios took questions. He will get back to us on teen driving class offered by CHP.
 - b. Los Angeles County Fire Stephanie English spoke of upcoming CERT classes in La Canada April 16 and La Crescenta June 11. There is no charge. To register call 661 287 3690. 5 counties have received a grant for a coordinator of volunteers. When asked what is the difference between the fire CERT and sheriff CERT classes she said they are all the same but her classes serve donuts! They will be monitoring the upcoming rains.
 - c. Los Angeles Sheriff Captain Silversparre passed out the crime report for the last month. He commented that the sheriff and fire will be escorting the models at the 100th birthday Fashion Show for the Woman's Club. Don't leave valuables in cars. Question asked about 40 dead trees in a yard cracking in the winds. County needs to be called or forestry to see who owns the property.

5. Statements from Glendale Community College Board of Trustee Candidates, Election April 5th.

- Vartan Gharpetian is married with 3 children, a businessman. He is active in Adventist Board and Sheriff Baca Advisory Board. He has been a commissioner for 4 years in Glendale seeking more funding for college. He is endorsed by Mike Gatto. He implied the current board has not done enough.
- Vahe Peroomian is a physics professor at UCLA and is currently on the Glendale Community College board. He has fulfilled his promises. He is proud of the Montrose campus and the 3,000 students getting contractor's licenses and the fire and power academies. He has Adam Schiff's endorsement.
- Tony Tartaglia is the current President of the GCC board. He has an MBA and is a mechanical engineer. He has served on the board for the last 4 years.

Steve Goldsworthy asked about the aviation program. They have 3 aviators and it takes \$6k to go through the training.

Question how each would raise money for the college. Vartan said he would stop wasting funds, have employees take pay cuts and let families pay for their education by changing the rules of where the money goes. Vahe said 89% of budget is salaries so cutting is hard. Staff and management already took pay cuts. The planetarium gets funding from NASA. He wants to keep the winter and summer sessions. Tony says they have been fiscally prudent in hiring the chief CEO. Tony has been on the foundation board for 13 years raising some \$12Million for the college. They seek endowments as well. With main campus land locked they are improving the Garfield campus as well.

Vartan referred to a concern in 2004 by the western assn of colleges and says to date nothing has been done.

There will be more forums Feb 22 at Dunsmore Park and March 14 at Glendale Community Coordinating Council.

8. Presentation by Glendale Community College - Board Member Ann Ransford introduced President Dawn Lindsay who is so proud of the community college. They are seeking outside funds to improve their campus

green signature program. She has accomplished new resources and uses common sense in decision making. The Power Academy - The Glendale GWP asked the college to train their people and indeed the success rate is 80% employment of those trained. They are moving forward in vocational education and career technology. Their current board is responsible. She knows the community owns the college. She was proud to say the News Press gave them 100% on being open about salaries.

GCC was voted the second most beautiful community college in the nation. The Garfield campus serves 10,000 students a year with their ESL and GED programs. The Fire academy is so good the fire department pay for their employees to train in their academy.

The Institute of International Studies reaches out to its Korean sister city as well as its sister city in Armenian. Online courses will not start until we are sure the quality is as good as in the classroom. By next fall they will try to get some online classes up and running. She thanked Vahe for raising funds for the planetarium. The community has a lot to be proud of with the school access, work with businesses, enhanced programs and now online education as well. Their students mostly come from high school on their way to 4 year colleges. Some seek degrees and others degrees are not needed. The budget is linked with salary and staff taking a 9% hit. Would rather have more students even if don't get paid. They are hopeful that the tax increase in June will pass. Courses are \$26/unit. If the June tax increases do not pass, winter and summer sessions will have to be cut. They will try to keep cuts as far from students as possible.

Question was asked about Measure S and she clarified that is only for the K - 12th grades not the college. Robert Thomas asked if he can still get an AA degree in just 2 years. She said it depends on how you enter, college ready or needing remedial work. She admits most students take 3 to 3.5 years for they are not prepared. When the economy turns around their enrollment will dip. Bad economy means more students seek economical community college courses.

9. Public Comments and Community Announcements

Warren Spayeth of the American Legion wants to replace the war memorial at Two Strike Park and needs funding and our support. The plans approved by the County will cost \$200k to build.

- Todd Thornbury, CV Town Council's Arbor Day - Saturday, March 19, 2011 and the weather will be good.
- CV Chamber of Commerce Jean Maluccio announced that March 19 is also flag retirement day. One can bring their old flags to the chamber office or to CVHS. Next mixer is at Toyota with the Tri chamber mixer on May 4th at the Woman's Club.
April 16 is the Hometown Fair and Car Show.
- David Marquez, CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition, His office is at the chamber. Focus is on prescription pain killers.
- Prom Plus Mary O'Keefe and Lisa Yeghiayan reported on Prom Plus which is free for students to attend after the CVHS prom. They are now the model for other schools to follow. To earn the \$20k needed to put on the event support their BBQ at Open House March 30th or \$5 at A Taste of Montrose on May 1 for \$20. Info on their website www.promplus.org
CVHS's Prom is May 28th from midnight to 5 AM at the YMCA with the theme being sports. There is a full casino. They will participate in Relay for Life with a team staying all night long.
St Luke's Youth center will have a poetry reading on Feb 22 and an Art show on March 1. They are open Thursday mornings from 7:15 to 8:15 for Rosemont students. President Cheryl Davis has volunteered to help with the Rosemont Builders Club and Prom Plus kids. If you have a job, call the Prom Plus kids for they want to work.
- Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Librarian reported on the first anniversary of the library opening held Jan 29. The CV jazz band played and there was a puppet show and cake and punch. There is an ongoing "I Love My Library" contest and the adult book club. The stamp club meets on the 4th Monday and the 2nd Tuesday. She invites us to come and enjoy our library.
- Mike Lawler, CVCA will have a candidate forum for Glendale City Council's 6 candidates for 2 seats on Feb 25 at Dunsmore Park.
March 23 is the GUSD forum at Dunsmore Park and March 29 is a measure S forum at the library.

• Larry from CV park announced The Dog Park is funded. Cheryl told him the community loves the new play ground equipment at both of our parks. The parks sponsor care giving for kids age 2 to 5 from 8am to 6pm. They are trying to do more with less.

10. Council Business

a. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2011 Charles Beatty moved and Todd Thornbury seconded approval of minutes as sent out via email. All approved.

b. Correspondence Corresponding Secretary Battles had none.

c. Approval of December 2010 and January 2011 Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Dennis van Bremen with correction that scholarships had no retained funds. Steve Goldsworthy moved and Harry Leon seconded with all approving.

d. 2011 Land Use Committee President Cheryl Davis asked for approval of Robert Thomas and Odalis Suarez as co chairs for land use committee for 2011. They will meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the library. Robert Thomas moved approval and Robbyn Battles seconded. All approved.

Odalis questioned the mission statement for land use suggesting we all say what we will do and not mention what we will not do in the spirit of brevity. It went to a vote whether we should leave in NO Design Review or take it out. Charles Beatty agreed we should not be tied down. The definition can be modified. Vote was Dr Suh abstaining, 4 No and 4 Yes to leave it in so it did not pass even with Cheryl's vote.

A letter about the waiver for the Anderson property on Briggs was motioned by Robert Thomas and seconded by Robbyn Battles. Motion passed with Robbyn to send the letter out.

d. Discussion and approval of 2011 Budget We will change our phone number and system to send calls to someone's email at \$7.95/month. We will increase fundraising some \$207 more to balance the budget. Robbyn Battles moved and Steve Goldsworthy seconded with all approving the budget.

11. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Charles Beatty announced the Glendale Prayer Breakfast at the Glendale Civic for \$20 at 7am Thursday March 10th with Lisa Bowman as the keynote speaker. Contact him for tickets.

Harry Leon announced a Drug and Alcohol prevention panel at the Armenian center.

Robert Thomas moved and Steve Goldsworthy seconded a letter about bike racks on Foothill to go to the merchants affected. It was approved unanimously.

Robbyn Battles and Charly Shelton will look into crossing guards at Mountain Avenue Elementary.

Robbyn announced a meeting for Seniors March 24th to learn about senior discounts.

Robbyn made a motion to close all Executive meetings and Robert Thomas seconded it. It passed with only 2 no votes.

The next land use hearing will be for the property at 4531 Ramsdell regarding removal of two oak trees. The meeting downtown is March 15th. It is a R3 zone and they want to put in a second unit.

Cheryl announced all permits are ok for construction of La Crescenta sign on CVWD property on Pennsylvania. It is now up to Steve Pierce to get it done.

Cheryl and others attended the Korean American Federal of North Los Angeles to La Crescenta..

Question came up whether our Land Use committee is in place with the previous tie vote. Odalis suggests we exclude the last two sentences referring to no design review. Charles Beatty made the motion and Danette Erickson seconded it. Robert Thomas objected for he says we need to protect ourselves by leaving

those two sentences in. Motion to take out last two sentences passed with 5 votes yes and two votes no and one abstaining. President did not need to vote.

12. Announcements

- La Crescenta Freeway Off-ramp Cleanup - Saturday, February 19, 2011, 8:30-9:15AM
- GUSD PTSA Founders Day at CVHS - Thursday February 24, 2011, 6:30 PM
- Glendale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the Glendale Civic Auditorium – Thursday, March 10, 6:30 a.m. (\$20)
- **Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room - Thursday March 17, 7:00 p.m.**
- **CV Town Council Arbor Day Celebration at Two Strike Park – Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.**

13. Adjourn at 9:53 PM