



MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

Crescenta Valley Town Council

CRESCENTA VALLEY SHERIFF STATION COMMUNITY ROOM

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August 20, 2009

1. Call to Order & Welcome 7:01 p.m. President Steve Pierce
2. Flag Salute Girl Scout Brownie Troop 680-1
3. Invocation Pastor Bill Flanders, 1st Baptist Church of La Crescenta
 - Introduction by Councilmember Thomas
 - Pastor Flanders' Invocation will be August 30. The Community is invited.
4. Roll Call Council Recording Secretary Cheryl Davis
 - Present: Council members Andrus, Arnold, Beyt, Davis, Erickson, Goldsworthy, Thomas, van Bremen, Beatty, Battles, Lauterback, and President Pierce.
5. Approval of July 16th Council Minutes – Motion by Councilmember Beyt and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. Approved, none opposed
6. Public Comments
 - Kerry Erickson regarding water conservation. Requested correction on the Town Council's website regarding the CVWD hours of before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.
 - Sprinkler programming – recommendation that the community help others who need help with re-programming. Suggestions include a seminar, asking OSH to bring timers as samples. Requested CVTC help coordinate with the public and put information on its website and who people can contact for help.
 - Greg Krikorian, Vice President of the Glendale Unified School District Board
 - Due to the state economy and budget crisis, we are now 50th of out 50 states in spending per student.
 - Jean Mallucio, President of the CV Chamber
 - September 2 Dual mixer 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - September 9 mixer at Verdugo Hills Hospital. The recognition dinner is in November. September 18 is the deadline for nominations.
 - The Fireworks Association presented the Crescenta Valley Town Council with a Certificate of Appreciation

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- Varun Bhadha, Troop 288 Eagle Scout candidate
 - Request to do an earthquake preparedness fair or expo in La Crescenta to make people more aware
 - He would like to (1) Contact people and tell them to come to the fair, call vendors to speak, have a booth, and sell supplies; (2) Put out flyers to advertise for the fair; and (3) Have the fair
 - He would like to do this in December/January
 - He needs help with where to hold the expo. The CVHS auditorium would be covered since this would be during the winter, or the park is another possibility.
 - Why? To prepare the residents of La Crescenta
 - Suggestion to make it a joint effort with Councilmember Lauterback for the Council's November 17 Emergency Preparedness Event
 - Introduction of Melanie Hicken, Glendale News-Press reporter
13. Public Discussion regarding L.A. County Public Works recommendations for 2600 block of Orange Ave.
- Areas of concern - Pedestrian safety, traffic safety and traffic congestion relief
 - Traffic study by the County – The speed portion has been completed and the portion regarding the number of vehicles will be conducted after school starts.
 - Restriping of the crosswalks is done, a “No U-turn” sign has been installed in front of Monte Vista, and there is a potential for speed bumps on Orange Ave.
 - Council members Goldsworthy and Battles have received four emails from residents, all in favor of speed bumps
 - Michelle Profetta, 4952 Cecilville (Cecilville & Orange) – Has concerns about the ability to pull out of her driveway, speeding, and people driving on the wrong side of the street. If speed bumps are installed on Orange, please put them all the way to Vicwood as the traffic on Cecilville will increase.
 - The CHP will have a big presence the first two weeks of school and they will be at Back to School Night. LA County Parks & Recreation has approved a secondary drop zone at Two Strike Park to hopefully alleviate some of the traffic congestion on Orange.
 - Alison Wilt, 2670 block of Orange, immediately next to Monte Vista – After school, cars are speeding. She would love to have something slow the traffic down.
 - Pat McLeod, 2702 Orange Ave. – Speed bumps would be wonderful. She has lived here 36 years and it's no longer safe. We have motorcycles and speedsters at night. It's for their safety as well as for noise abatement. Also, people are using the north side of Los Olivos to cross Rosemont instead of the south side where the crosswalk is.
 - Dr. Susan Hoge, Principal of Monte Vista – She is very supportive of this effort, information is on the Monte Vista website and went out in the mailer to parents today.
 - Greg Krikorian, Vice President of the Glendale School Board – We're overbuilding this area and it's putting a strain on the roads that weren't built to sustain this volume of traffic. We've got to start somewhere.
 - Charles Beatty – Previously, at El Adobe, the owner would not trim back the bushes so the curb was painted red. Suggestion to model speed bumps after the ones on Broadview with grooves so fire trucks can drive down the middle of the street.

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- Notation from Councilmember Battles that the owner has been cooperative, but the cost of trimming the bushes is much more than originally thought
 - Councilmember Andrus knows a landscaper who might be willing to help and donate their time.
 - Councilmember Battles requested community volunteers for the drop off area at Two Strike Park
 - Al Evans, LA County Parks and Recreation will be setting up the cones at Two Strike Park on Monday at 4:00 p.m. to show us how it will work
11. Recognition of Organization(s) of the Month – L.A. County Public Works & CV Water District
- LA County Public Works – Paul Deardorf and Joe Gadosh
 - The day of the tree dedication at Encinal and Pennsylvania, Paul and his crew swept the sidewalk, picked up trash, found a large rock, put the plaque on the rock, dug a hole and cemented in the rock with the plaque in it. They dug a bigger whole for the tree and came back and watered it.
 - CVWD – Donated the land at Encinal and Pennsylvania for the tree dedicated to Charles Bausback and it will also be the future site of a “Welcome to La Crescenta” sign
 - Directors Vasken Yardemian, Richard Atwater, Charles Beatty, and General Manager Dennis Erdman
 - The CVWD was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Fireworks Association for sponsorship of the event
7. Report from CV Sheriff Capt. David Silversparre
- August 1 was the Briggs Terrace Evacuation drill and August 4 was National Night Out
 - Reminder that Parking Enforcement is on the rise. You must be 15 fee from fire hydrants and there are many one or two hour parking areas in our area
 - October 17 is the annual Sheriff’s Volunteer rummage sale
 - September 26 is the Fire Expo at the Verdugo Hills Hospital
 - There are new personnel at the CV Sheriff station, including Bonne Jones (PM shift), Lucas Tapia (day shift), and Pat Gibson (early morning shift)
 - July statistics
 - 9 burglaries (4 were residential)
 - 25 larcenies – many were unattended items. 15 vehicles were gotten into last night!
 - 2 stolen vehicles, 13 vandalisms
 - 6 narcotic – heroin and marijuana are making a comeback
 - The La Crescenta Sheriff has a system that has an automatic license plate reader. It can read plates of cars coming at the car, 90 degrees and 45 to the right and can read 1,000 plates per hour. The system is downloaded daily on the computer and verified with the stolen vehicle system.
8. Report from CHP Officer Andre Primeaux
- On July 21, there were two 2 fatalities due to a traffic collision at Pineglen
 - Regarding Monte Vista, the good news is that the CHP will be there. The bad news is that they are going to be writing tickets like crazy.
 - The freeway onramp on La Crescenta and the traffic backup - The striping issue is a County issue. There will be a huge CHP presence, particularly motor officers. Officer Cracroft is assigned to La Crescenta.

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- Update from Councilmember Goldsworthy regarding the two lanes on La Crescenta – The County and Caltrans are looking at it and a recommendation is expected in October. Public Works might restripe it so only the right hand lane can turn right, which might result in more backup of traffic on La Crescenta.
 - Question about concentration of officers at one school and presence at other elementary, middle and high schools. Motorcycle officers can be pulled off the beat for special enforcement.
 - Question about programming ICE (In case of Emergency) information in cell phones. The Fire Department may look at your cell phone for information to contact your next of kin, but the CHP notifies the LA County Coroner and the Coroner makes the notifications.
9. Los Angeles County Fire Report – Stephanie English
10. CV Water District Report – Dennis Erdman, General Manager
- Water conservation efforts have been paying off. July 2009 was 15% below the usage for July 2008 and 22% below the 5-year average
 - There are turf & toilet rebate programs
 - The CVWD sent out about 500 courtesy notifications for residents not in compliance with the regulations
 - Question about putting restrictors on. There have been none to the CVWD's knowledge
 - Question about the Orange signs all over the community - Why is there is not a small sign across the top that states which days and hours we can water? Magnetic overlays for those signs are a possible solution.
 - Question about the CVWD having written a letter regarding the Verdugo Hills Golf Course water shed issue. The District used in-house staff and some experts who cost a few thousand, certainly less than \$5,000 and most likely less than \$3,000. Although that property is outside our district, it overlays and contributes to our underground water supply.
 - Question about waterless urinals – CVWD is not in the assistance program, but they can provide consultative advice
 - 3700 Foothill well – Glendale does not pump their full adjudication from the basin
 - Solar pumps – The Water District continues to look at this with the private sector. The reservoirs that would most likely benefit would be Ocean View and Encinal. If solar panels covered all the available land, it would only provide 25% of the necessary energy.
12. Report from Paul Rabinov – Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- Verdugo Hills Golf Course – Submission of letters to address the DEIR were due August 19. Last month, the SMMC wrote a response to the DEIR.
 - Clean & Green approached the CVWD about beautifying the pink wall property just above Rosemont as an example of drought tolerant plants and landscape. CVWD has prepared the property and this Saturday, Johnny Blood, for his Eagle Scout project, will begin digging holes, planting 25 different plants, and will be distributing educational information to the local elementary kids. Clean & Green has adopted the site and will be taking care of it.
 - Paul Rabinov reminded us of his commitment of getting a trail up to Mt. Lukens. He is very positive about the developments and steps taken for the “La Crescenta Community Trail” from the new public library, up La Crescenta to El Caminito, along the flood control channel and up Rosemont to Mt. Lukens. The next step is for LA County to conduct a feasibility study. We should expect to hear in December if funding is available for the study and/or the trail. 80% of

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the trail's skeleton is in existence already. They still need to work with Flood Control on the debris basin property. It would connect to the La Crescenta V trail just below the Angeles National Forest boundary.

14. Council Committee Reports

- Streets & Roads Councilmember Goldsworthy
 - Working on the escape route for Briggs Terrace residents
 - Left turn pocket has been installed on northbound La Crescenta onto westbound Prospect

- Clean & Green President Pierce
 - August 29, 8:30 a.m. freeway off-ramp cleanup

- Election Committee Councilmember Davis
 - If you are interested in running for the Town Council, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions
 - Applications for this year's election, as well as the request for an absentee ballot, will be available online **Tuesday September 8th**.
 - Candidates must be registered voters living in the unincorporated areas of La Crescenta or Montrose, who have lived in that area for at least one year.
 - This year's election will be held at Rosemont Middle School, **Saturday November 7th** along with Rosemont's pancake breakfast, the Council's Emergency Preparedness Forum, and possibly music.

- Youths & Seniors Councilmember Battles
 - Request for thank you notes to Hank Paz (GUSD), Dr. Hoge and everyone at Public Works for their help with the traffic issue at Monte Vista
 - Seniors Committee coming soon

- Land Use Councilmember Andrus
 - Armenian Church near La Crescenta and Foothill has requested an extension regarding the parking space issue
 - North side of Foothill and Dyer – Has requested information regarding any permits, if there are any
 - 2361 Florencita – There will be a public hearing on October 6 regarding the renewal of CUP

- Community Flag Committee Councilmember Thomas
 - Read draft letter to Supervisor Antonovich to request the community flag be flown at the La Crescenta library – Motion to approve the letter by Councilmember Beatty and seconded by Councilmember Beyt. Approved, none opposed
 - Update regarding flag orders. We need to decide if we want to continue the current program or adjust it

- Community Events/Banner Committee Councilmember Erickson
 - This coming week, new banners will be going up. Thank you to the Goldsworthys for sponsoring the most recent banner.

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- Emergency Preparedness Committee Councilmember Lauterback
 - September is Emergency preparedness month
 - See the Council's website for emergency preparedness links
 - Saturday November 7 - Emergency preparedness forum at Rosemont
- Arts Committee Councilmember Thomas
 - Waiting for a sketch of the outdoor theater at CV Park

15. Recognition of 1999-2000 Town Council Members

- Vasken Yardemian was 1999 president – The RV Parking issue along Foothill Blvd. was the hottest issue of the year. There is a 1991 ordinance and in 1999, 25-26 citations were issued within one month for parking RV on private property. The Council sent a survey, tallied and the majority consensus was to keep the ordinance, although the Board of Supervisors did not act on it so the ordinance is not currently enforced.
- Councilmember Lauterback with the president 1998/1999
- Councilmember Beatty was 2000 president

16. Council Correspondence – Council Corresponding Secretary Liz Arnold

- None

17. Approval of CV Town Council Treasurer's Report

- Motion by Councilmember Beyt and seconded by Councilmember Arnold
- Discussion about balance on hand versus retained funds, the difference is \$1,500 so we are a bit low on cash
- Approved, none opposed

18. Items For and From Council

- Coyotes and Mountain Lions are coming down lower due to a lack of food and water in the Foothills
 - The coyotes are quite brazen & are out in broad daylight.
 - Do not assume that because you only see one coyote, there are not others. They are pack animals.
 - Please bring your pets in at night, no matter how big
 - Do not leave food and water outside for your pets as it attracts wildlife
 - Please be vigilant watching your children or family when outside, especially during the dawn and dusk periods.
 - If you are out at night, be sure to carry a bright flashlight with you
- Councilmember Beyt volunteered to help Kerry Erickson to approach OSH and get help programming the timers. The CVWD staff has also been working with people on that
- September 1 – The Board of Supervisors will be dotting the "I"s and crossing the "T"s of the Foothill Community Standards District ("CSD") as a consent item

19. Executive Meeting scheduled September 3rd at CVWD Boardroom

- Possibly will be moved

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20. Adjournment in memory of Blanch Greenwood at 9:20 p.m.

- Ms. Greenwood was on the Board of Education for 30 years, was very active in the La Crescenta, Rosemont, and CV High PTAs and recently passed away at the age of 92.

Approved September 17, 2009