



# Minutes

## November 18, 2010

*La Crescenta Library Community Room*  
Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm

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### *Monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.*

1. Call to Order & Welcome President Davis
  2. Flag Salute Webelos Pack 310. 9 year old boys many from Lincoln Elem with leader Michelle.
  3. Invocation Father Ed Dover, Holy Redeemer, St James Catholic Churches
  4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Erickson
- Absent were Council members Goldsworthy and Casalegno

5. CV Town Council Election Results Election Chair Danette Erickson  
Winners were Dr. Suh, Cheryl Davis and Harry Leon with

1<sup>st</sup> alternate Charles Beatty, 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate Odalis Suarez and 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate Charly Shelton.

Of the 11,128 registered voters in our unincorporated area, we received 628 AV requests with 394 being sent ballots. 235 AV ballots were voted and 424 ballots in person resulting in 659 voted ballots or a 6% voter turnout.

Robert Thomas reminded all that our community flags were for sale as displayed in the back of the room.

#### 6. Presentations

- a. CV Armenian Community Center Arick Gevorkian

Harry Leon introduced Arick Gevorkian of the Youth Center who presented certificates of gratitude for the town council dedication during flood from the 25,000 members of the Armenian community. The certificates went to President Cheryl Davis, Captain Silversparre, Robbyn Battles for the CV Drug Coalition and Kim Mattesteig.

From their Olympics they presented all the council members with Gold medals to wear around their necks.

- b. The Armenian parent club of Crescenta High School, Anna Sanakian was also introduced by Harry Leon. She thanked the CV TC for inviting them. They have been active at CVHS for the last 6 years donating to the school and to Prom Plus. They presented a certificate to Cheryl Davis for outstanding help with Prom Plus.

- c. CVHS Science and Medicine Academy Councilman Dennis van Bremen reported on the successful Pancake Breakfast at CVHS and presented the top ticket sellers, Megreni Abajanian, Judith Landau, and Gloria Han with their rewards. The Science and Medicine academy sold the most tickets. Judy and Megreni were present to accept. Dennis thanked the community for their support.

#### 7. First Responder's Reports

- a. CHP –Officer Ming-Yang Hsu passed out the area's stats. He reminded us to check our wipers and tires before the rainy season begins. Headlights must be on if the wipers are continuously working. The CHP collects toys for the holidays. He mentioned free admission to the Yorba Linda Auto Show with a toy donation and will have bins at the LA Auto Show as well as Walgreen stores in Altadena.

- b. Los Angeles County Fire –Chief Niccum gave the October fire report with 61 incidents. There was a structure fire and 41 emergency medical calls. That brings the year total to 504. They will be having a CERT class in June at the park community room. Captain Freeman is retiring as head of LA County Fire. A Memorial was dedicated on Angeles Crest to remember the two firemen lost in the Station Fire.

- c. Los Angeles Sheriff – Captain David Silversparre thanked those who are leaving the council and congratulated those who have won seats for next year's council. They too are collecting toys for local needy families. Last year they helped 139 families but this year they have 192 families to help. They had 339 calls in October with a spike to 14 property crimes. He reminded us to lock our cars on the street and don't leave valuables in your car. Last Sat night there was a drug bust at Briggs and Olive streets. Vehicle thefts, CVHS locker thefts, Marijuana to Heroin were all reported.

- d. 2010-2011 Winter Plans and Preparations Steve Sheridan, Dept. of Public Works and Capt. David Silversparre, Los

Angeles County Sheriff. Steve Sheridan showed an overhead presentation of what the county has done to prepare for the upcoming La Nina season which should be lower than normal rainfall.

For engineering advice call 1 800 214 4020

Sand Bags are at the fire stations and Two Strike Park. All Debris Basins have been cleaned out with schedules on the CARE website. Pinelawn has expanded from 3200 to 4800 cubic feet, Star Fall has doubled its capacity with Pickens going from 125k to 156k cubic feet capacity. Star fall will be done on Monday or Tuesday. Canyonside will start on 11/29/2010 and take a month to finish.

11 crib structures will be repaired as quickly as possible with some 12 ft high.

CARE 800 675 4351

Mud Flow hotline 800 214 4020

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/care/>

Steve Sheridan 626 458 6102 [ssheridan@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:ssheridan@dpw.lacounty.gov)

Captain Silversparre is not planning any evacuations this weekend with only ½ inch of rain predicted. He thanked both President Cheryl Davis and VP Steve Goldsworthy for helping with the plans. He asked we all be the eyes and ears to let the sheriff or CERT know of any mud flows or problems. We have a unified command with fire, sheriff and flood control. They will analyze all the information before making any decisions. NIXLE sends alerts from the sheriff's dept. Homes at highest risk are told to evacuate and will be let back as soon as safe. You can refuse to leave and sign a notification waiver. They are expecting to be concerned for 3 to 5 years after the fire. Once an area is sealed CERT and Search and Rescue teams must stay out as well. Sign up all your cell phones for nixle.com

When evacuating take irreplaceable items including your ID to get back, medicine and tell neighbors you have gone. Check in with the Red Cross so they know where you are staying during the evacuation. They will communicate with the town council. Roger Young hopes the implementation will be down scaled for it costs to evacuate. Sharon Raghavachary mentioned that your insurance will pay for your evacuation. She asked how will those not here find out the information . It will be on websites and in the local papers. Kim Mattsteig asked about the Fire safe Council's reverse calling. Roger explained when they set their system up in May of 2009 there was no county system. They use their calling as advisory and at a minimum.

When NIXLE sent out a concern for the 2300 block of Dorothy there was no reason to tell anyone not in the immediate area.

#### 8. Public Comments and Community Announcements

a. Public Comments that pertain to Safety / First Responders None

b. Public Comments that do not pertain to Safety / First Responders

5 students, Jinny Kim, Caleb Choi, Sarah lee, Thomas Kil, and Julie Kim from UN Global Debate Academy gave presentations about immigration . They come from the New Hope Academy at 3043 Foothill and were helpful during the election. They are studying to be young leaders and will hold a public debate to bridge cultural gap in the future.

c. Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council

meeting Monday at Rosemont Middle School 7 PM for those living in the Briggs Terrace. The speaker will be Jay Lopez for the Canyonside residents.

d. Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library remembers the library one year ago as they were putting books on the shelves. It has been a great year and she thanked us for being so supportive.

Mother Daughter tea Dec 18

Adult relax video games Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Check out the bulletin board for more activities.

e. Kim Mattsteig , CV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition reminded all to stop by the new youth center at the old fire house at St Lukes from 6 to 9 PM for high school students.

f. Mike Lawler, CVCA told of a field trip to Glendale Planning Dept and hopes Cheryl can arrange one to LA Coutny too. Mike as Historical Society spoke of the 1934 flood which killed scores of people in our valley. They recently took a tour of the debris basins.

Nov 29 is Rockhaven Snitarium movie at 7PM in the library community room.

g. Paul Dutton, CV Cert reminds us to have a Grab and Go bag to be prepared. Keep your important papers in this bag. The next CERT class will be Jan 22 -29

#### 9. Council Business

a. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2010 Councilman Beatty moved with Councilman van Bremen seconding. Minutes were approved as emailed to members and on our website.

b. Correspondence Corresponding Secretary Battles none

c. Approval of September and October 2010 Treasurer's Report Motion to approve by Councilman Beatty with Councilman Thornbury seconding. Report was approved to be filed for annual audit.

#### 10. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Danette reported on banners. We had some strong winds with 8 banners having some damage. They have been fixed or returned to Aren Knighton's family since he is leaving the military. Whether we will put more banners up depends on whether we can find the art work that the graphic company has lost.

Nominating Committee report by Danette. The slate for 2011 officers is presented 30 days before the DEC election when nominations can be added from the floor.

President: Cheryl Davis

V. President Steve Goldsworthy

Rec Sec Danette erickson

Treasurer Dennis vanBremen or Harry Leon

Cor Sec Robbyn Battles

Robbyn Battles reported on Aster, a one stop shop for seniors, and on activities for the corner lot at Orange near Monte Vista as an Eagle Project. The scout was outside selling popcorn this evening.

Robert Thomas said we have a goal to get 450 surveys and are almost there with many coming in during the election.

Kim Mattesteig reminded us on the Montrose Christmas Parade Sat Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be trained wolves before Santa in the parade. Kim reported the new arbor day tree is planted awaiting the plaque.

Frank Beyt reminds all to be on our email list to stay informed and to buy popcorn from the scout outside.

Todd Thornbury reported on the Arbor Day tree replanting and that the plaque will be up before the Christmas parade.

Dennis van Bremen thanked all for pancake breakfast success and hopes it stays a tradition that Frank Beyt started for the council for years to come.

Cheryl reported on the parks getting new playground equipment by the end of the year.

Danette made a motion that we write a letter to save the Morton Bay fig tree. The motion passed with Danette writing the letter for Robbyn and Cheryl's approval to be delivered tomorrow Friday before possible tree cutting on Saturday.

President Davis wished us all a Happy Thanksgiving and adjourned the meeting at 9:04PM

#### 11. Announcements

a. Surviving a Wildfire in Briggs Terrace – CV Fire Safe Council Community Meeting Mon, November 22, 7:00 p.m. at Rosemont Middle School

b. Thanksgiving – Thu, November 25

c. **Executive Meeting – Thu, December 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the CV Sheriff Station Community Room.**

d. Montrose Christmas Parade – Sat, December 4, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

e. **Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room – Thu. December 16, 2010, 7:00 p.m. will feature installation of the 2011 Town Council members, nomination, election and installation of 2011 Officers and CVTC Holiday Party**