

Minutes

Aug 19, 2010

La Crescenta Library Community Room

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1. President Davis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Councilmember Beyt led the flag salute.
3. Robert Thomas led the invocation.
- 4.. Recording Secretary Erickson took the roll call. In attendance were Councilmembers Beyt, Goldsworthy, Thomas, van Bremen, Battles, Beatty, Thornbury, Mattersteig, Davis and Erickson. Absent were Alternate Councilmembers Kroeker and Casalegno.
5. The minutes for July 15,, 2010 were approved following a motion and a second (Beyt/Thomas).
6. Public Comments:
 1. Alex Lee with 2 young ladies spoke of a new club at CVHS called LOOK International Club. The club has expanded to 4 other schools, Hoover, Glendale, So Pasadena and La Canada. They asked us to sponsor them by allowing them to say they have the support of the CVTC in order to give them more legitimacy.
 2. Paul Dutton was not present due to the death of his father.
 3. Roger Young from CV Fire Safe Council will be at the Farmer's Market next Sunday with our President Cheryl Davis. They received a new Ready Set Go banner from county Fire.
 4. Steve Pierce from the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce announced several events.

Sept 8 Tri chamber Expo Free at Verdugo Hospital from 5 to 8 PM Food and some 50 businesses

Sept 21 5K run at @ Strike Park

Oct 13 Bonners Rental Mixer

Aug 27 & 28 My Wild Irish Rose and High & Mighty movies in Montrose parking lot where old theater used to be. Free, bring your own chairs.

Steve commented that unlike the city of Bell our town council is all volunteers.
5. David Gould from CVWD was present but no questions were asked of him.

6. Officer Matt Zakarian of the CV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition told of their hopes to get a \$125k grant. Out of 546 who applied they are still in the running now that the list is cut to 175 and 135 will get the funds. Decision is coming Aug 30th.

They ask us to vote No on Prop 19 the Marijuana proposition and attend the Supervisor's meeting on Sept 22 on unincorporated LA County Ban of medical marijuana clinics in our area.

7. Mike Lawler representing the CVCA invited all to their discussion group next WED at Dunsmore Park where they will be discussing R1 standards.

From the Historical Society there will be a commemoration of the Station Fire next Thursday night in the library community room. Bill Weissman will put up a display of pictures he took in Duke Park. The pictures will stay up for a month.

Cheryl Davis asked for a motion to move the Sept meeting from back to School Night at CVHS to Sept 30. Kim made the motion, Steve seconded it and it was approved.

7. First Responders Reports

- a) CHP Officer Ming-Yang hsu runs a Start Smart class for first time ten age drivers. Due to grant being pulled it will now be a shorter one and a half hour class. If interested call him at 626 296 8100. This Saturday call him to go to the car races for free and receive gifts.

Just this evening another accident at Waltonia & Park Place, a collision with a parked vehicle.

While many think one can only get arrested if alcohol level is .08 one can be under the influence with less and still get arrested. As for cell phone usage your hands need to be free. Wednesday is Zero Tolerance Day for cell phone usege. One also must have at least one ear not plugged.

- b) LA County Fire – Stephanie English introduced the new Asst. Chief Bill Niccum. He has been in fire service for 37 years and chief of EMT unit of 2100 paramedics. Asst Chief Niccum's goals are to be more accessible to the community to which a Pine Glen resident asked how he was planning to do that. Discussion followed as to his 5 evacuations for the fire and 6 for the flood. He wants them to know what its like to be called out so often especially with pets.

Asst chief Niccum commits to us to relook at evacuations. Roger Young asked the CVTC to provide a forum for discussion of communications and perhaps some changes in philosophy for our area. A gentleman from Canyonside saluted both Roger and Steve Pierce for their efforts during the fire and flood. He suggested the Pine Glen resident band with his neighbors as the Canyonside folk have done.

- c) Captain Silversparre explained the different levels of evacuation with red level 5 being the worse with no reentry of residents. Level 4 or orange level means residents may return to their homes. He assured us all 3 depts. work together with flood control usually calling the weather and therefore the levels of evacuation. They tried to decide who would be impacted by debris flows and not evacuate everyone. Resident mentioned confusion of when to return with radio/TV saying its ok but sheriff not letting residents back.

National Night Out was Aug 3rd at the Ralph's Parking lot.

NIXLE.com is the sheriff's way to inform us of incidents in our community as today's gas leak in La Canada.

9/11 is their Rummage Sale.

School Resource Officer will be back at both CVHS and Rosemont shared. He went on to give the crime statistics for the month of July. Every kid in audience under age 17 see him for a prize.

Boy Scout Troop 319 mentioned their rummage sale is this Saturday at Briggs and Los Amigos. When they heard of our pancake breakfast they will be selling tickets for it as well.

8. Community Reports

- a) Harry Leon thanked council as well for their dedication. His concern was barking dogs near Janet Lee and Briggs. Also landscaper who blows leaves into next neighbor's street to clear them away.
 - b) Mr. Tariq Rana has opened Kumon at 2759 Foothill 818 388 3377. He has a concern with our new CSD color of signs. Right now his color is not allowed and he has to get a variance with fees attached. Any change has to go through regional planning and the Board of Supervisors.
 - c) Marta Wiggins told of the library's first chili cook off with some 140 people attending. She thanked the fire dept for sending over a fire engine at last minute to entertain the children.
 - d) Larry Muepo from Parks and Recreation told of summer programs they offered.
 - e) Danette Erickson said next CV Town Council election will be Nov 6th. Applications to run are on the back table and encouraged all to consider running. Deadline to file is midnight Oct 17th with applications also on our website. The candidate forum will be Oct 21 at our regular meeting. Returning council members are Robert Thomas, Robbyn Battles, Steve Goldsworthy, Todd Thornbury, Dennis van Bremen, and Danette Erickson. Candidates who have filed so far are

1 Charles, Beatty, 2 Krista Smiley, 3 Cheryl Davis and 4 Dr. Suh.
 - f) Dennis van Bremen has tickets to sell for our 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast Oct 23 at CVHS. They will have tickets this Sunday at the Farmers Market. Pre sale tickets are \$5 but at the door are \$6. If an organization sells tickets they keep 50% (\$2.50 per ticket) for their organization.
 - g) Robert Thomas wants to form an exploratory committee for R1 properties. He asks all to go to our website and fill out the survey. According to the results we may leave it alone or make changes.
9. Los Angeles County Public Works Chris Stone thanked community for support and patience with endless trucks. After the last storm season they have decided to permanently increase capacity of 3 of our debris basins and to do work in Canyonside. Information is on their website www.dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/fire/ or on C.A.R.E.

- 1) Pickens Canyon at Briggs and Cross will raise the spillway 5 ft, extend the outlet tower 5.5 and raise the channel wall 2 ft. This will increase capacity from 125k cubic yds to 156k cubic yds. Construction starts 7/31 and goes to 10/11/2010.
- 2) Pinelawn Debris Basin near Pine Cone Road will increase from 3200 cubic yds to 4000 cubic yds. Construction from 9/30 to 10/6/2010. Construct concrete parapet wall at inlet and raise the outlet tower with a wall across spillway.
- 3) Starfall Debris Basin on Starfall near Pinecone will raise spillway 7 ft and wall 4 ft. This will take it from 15k to 28,300 cubic yards. From 7/29 to 10/5/2010.
- 4) Canyonside Culvert will be 100 ft long diverting flow to the canyon away from Canyonside street. This is on the CVWD access road, 300 ft north of 6065 Canyonside. They will construct a 72" metal pipe across road. CVWD is splitting the funding 50%.

Questions:

Dr. on upper Canyonside is grateful for the collaborative effort especially when NRCS was not willing to help with this project. Dr. Piper is the owner of the property.

How will K rails be impacted if no rain? Will they still stay for 5 years? County does not want to remove k rails for a couple of years. Mr. Stone said our chance of a flood if unburned is 2% or what amounts to a 50 year storm. However if burnt watershed we are safe for up to a 10 year storm. With the watershed recovery we have had the sediment runoff has been reduced. Goss Canyon has K rails and they will stay for 5 years.

Kim asked about the boulders on debris basins at top of Pinecone. They are still up there. Mr Stone will look into it.

What about Duke Park? It is the site where the sediment placement site is, where the debris goes.

10. Council Business

- a) Correspondence. Letter about coyotes suggesting we trap and euthanize them as Arcadia does. Robbyn also reported on the survey with 44 having taken the survey. Also a call about a giant dead tree on Teasley. Cheryl will report it.
- b) June Treasurer Report was distributed by Dennis van Bremen. Motion to approve by Charles Beatty with Frank Beyt seconding. Approved.

11. Committee Reports and items from Council

- c) Frank Beyt told of cell tower changes on Cloud on CV Storage property.
- d) Cheryl asked for council approval to talk to Mr. Voskianian about accessing his property to treat the cut roots of the Morton Bay Fig tree next door. All approved she ask in the council name.
- e) Steve G. reported on Waltonia continuing problems. Monte Vista improvements are done except for a red curb. There is undeveloped small parcel of land at Orange and Rosemont which an Eagle scout is hoping to make his project to improve.

- f) Danette asked that we invite the Supervisor's office to explain the process of granting a building permit at our next meeting. How can mistakes be made by licensed architects and surveyors. Have they made mistakes before and does it reflect on their record. 8 feet is a big mistake in her opinion. Cheryl and the council agreed to extend the invitation to report at our next meeting.
- g) Robert will head up exploratory committee for R1 changes by first conducting a survey to see if the community wants changes. These changes will affect 1000s of owners.
 - 1. Survey community via website, given out at election etc.
 - 2. Form a committee with representatives from community
 - 3. Compile results
 - 4. Take action as community desires with code adjustments
 - 5. Take no action
 - 6. CVTC decision
 - 7. Implement decision
 - 8. Disband committee

The motion to send this letter to the supervisor was made by RT and seconded by FB and approved.

- h) Robbyn is working on this green area at corner of Orange and Rosemont with Principal Hoge and eagle scout candidate. She would like the responsibility of upkeep to go to the 6th grade class to maintain it as their project.

Robbyn is also working on a senior project named ASTER to assist seniors with their needs.

School starts Aug 30th so keep an eye out for our kids.

- i) Cheryl asked to form another sub committee to review the CSD for Foothill to expedite the one change regarding signs. Kim Mattersteig moved and we form such a committee with Steve Goldsworthy as chair. On the committee will be Todd, Danette and Jean Maluccio from the chamber with more community members to be added, including the members of the former Foothill Design Committee

- 12. Executive meeting at the **CV Sheriff community room** 7PM Thursday Sept 2, 2010
- 13. Council meeting La Crescenta Library Community Room 7 PM Thursday Sept **30**, 2010
- 14. Danette remembered Rob Herman who was a CVTC member who died recently.

Adjournment in his memory at 9:16 PM