



MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

Crescenta Valley Town Council

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March 19, 2009

1. Call to Order at 7:01 p.m. & Welcome President Pierce
2. Invocation Rabbi Simcha Backman, Chabad Jewish Center
3. Flag Salute CVHS Jr. ROTC
4. Roll Call Council Recording Secretary Davis
 - Present: Council members Davis, Erickson, Thomas, van Bremen, Beatty, Battles, Lauterback, and President Pierce. Councilmember Beyt attending a meeting regarding the Foothill Lumber site and arrived 7:58 p.m. Councilmember Goldsworthy arrived 7:20, Councilmember Andrus arrived 7:21 p.m., Councilmember Arnold arrived later.
 - Councilmember Beatty stated we do not yet have a quorum of 6 regular members
5. Approval of February 19th Council Minutes – motion by Councilmember Beyt and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Approved, none opposed.
6. First Responder's Reports
 - b) California Highway Patrol –Officer Primeaux
 - Statistics for February
 - 9 traffic
 - Officer Cracroft is the local “COPS” representative
 - Question about incident at Monte Vista. The biggest deterrent is to interview and patrol. Officer Primeaux will take concerns to Officer Cracroft.
 - Question about lights on the freeway – Contacted Caltrans and put Officer Primeaux “on hold.” Officer Primeaux will let us know when he gets an answer.
 - Question about speed bumps behind Rosemont, Stevens, or Los Olivos. The role of CHP is enforcement. Speed bumps are the responsibility of LA County PWD.
7. Presentation of Yellow Flag Crosswalk program – Councilmember Robbyn Battles
 - Implemented in Kirkland, WA and Councilmember Battles saw this when she was there. Implemented in 16 other states. Studied for 10 years – just having the bucket on the corner caught the driver's eye. Cost is \$250 per crosswalk versus \$150,000 for flashing lights in the crosswalk. Kirkland has sponsors for the flag program. The flag shows the intent that a pedestrian is going to cross. Looking for support of the public, school district, and the schools.
 - 62 pedestrians killed in crosswalk, 0 since implantation in ten years

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- This program also requires the engagement of the pedestrian as well as getting the attention of the driver
 - Question about the population of Kirkland and other cities that have implemented this program. Salt Lake City has implemented this program. Kirkland is similar in terrain and layout to La Crescenta.
 - The flags are in the buckets 24/7. In Kirkland, the city shares the cost of sponsorship 50/50 with the sponsors.
 - You can either contact us by phone, after the meeting, or by visiting our Website at www.Crescentavalleytowncouncil.org
- 6a) CV Sheriff Captain David Silversparre – Presentation by Council proclaiming March, 2009 as “Safe Community Month”
- Station Tours, CERT training, and the STOP program
 - 16-18 year olds make up 12% of drivers, but account for 25% of all collisions.
 - You can call anonymously (818) 957-6132 to leave info on a recording, including time & place. Sheriffs will go out and make a proactive, non-confrontational contact with the driver
 - Chamber of Commerce’s Day at the Races with the Sheriff’s Support Group
 - February statistics – Vandalism is on the rise and will be looked at again.
 - President Pierce read letter from the CVTC to Captain Dave Silversparre regarding Safe Community Month.
8. Introduction of GUSD representative from Superintendent Michael Escalante’s office, Assistant Superintendent Dick Sheehan, and Eva Luke (Chief Financial Officer for the District) for discussion pertaining to budget and student safety to and from school
- GUSD has overriding areas – student achievement, stability, fiscal responsibility
 - Good news, bad news – In expenditure per student, we are 46th of 50 states. We are looking to falling to 50th. \$40Billion deficit – increased revenue and taxes, cutting expense, \$9.3Billion (62%) of which was cut from education. This means \$41Million owed by the state to GUSD.
 - May 19th election contains 5 propositions that all need to pass to balance the state budget
 - GUSD built up 10.4% reserves (3% required) and did staff reduction last year. Started this year with a reserve of \$21Million, \$14Million over the \$7Million requirement.
 - www.gusd.net - Trying to put updates on the Website as much as possible.
 - Dr. Linda Junge is Director of Public Information
 - Is the GUSD budget available? Yes, it is on the Website, along with interim updates
 - Suggestion that GUSD could be an example of self-regulation.
 - Finding the correct balance between funding and education is the challenge
9. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Service to Glendale Mayor John Drayman
- Arbor day ceremony is Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. at Two Strike Park
10. Candidate Forum – each candidate will give a 5 minute introduction of their qualifications/reasons for candidacy followed by questions from Council and audience to group or individual candidates

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- a) Glendale Unified School District Board of Education candidates - Greg Krikorian, Chuck Sambar, Joylene Wagner, Eric Sahakian, and Chris Walters. Not present: Hasmig Aslanian and Naira Khachatryan. Candidate forum followed.

- b) Glendale Community College Trustee candidates – Vrej Agajanian, Ann Ransford and incumbents Armine Hacopian and Anita Quinonez Gabrielian. Candidate forum followed.

11. Break

12. CV Town Council Treasurer’s Report – Council Treasurer Dennis van Bremen

- Motion to approve by Councilmember Beyt and seconded by Councilmember Arnold. Approved, none opposed

13. Correspondence – Council Corresponding Secretary Liz Arnold

- No correspondence, but we have received many questions and comments via email from our new Website

14. 20th Anniversary Recognition of 2005 & 2006 CVTC Council Members

- Bill Bodell
- Brian Ostler
- Jaleen Lunt
- Sharon Raghavachary
- Sharon Hales – not present
- Clair Rawlins – not present

15. Selection of Council candidate for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy position 5 minute presentation to the Council by each candidate followed by ballot vote. Paul Rabinov – 7, Charles Beatty – 2.

16. Public Comments

- None

17. Council Committee Reports

- Arbor Day – Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. at Two Strike Park
- Councilmember Arnold received an email from a resident that is interested in a community flag for their residence
- First edition of the newsletter was released earlier this week and it is also available on the Town Council Website. Coffee Bean and Starbucks each posted one. Hard copies available at the City Hall Café, Ralphs, and VONS. Suggestion to have them available at the Council meetings
- Disaster Preparedness - 21 New cert members are being trained this week
- Grandview Palace location – permits were pulled prior to the Foothill Blvd. CSD going into effect.
- Lot with the sofa and car at Rosemont & Montrose – Private property, not in public right of way.
- Charter TV channel 980 – can pull up the Council meetings 24/7 and it is shown in 3 parts

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- As of April 18, you will need to dial 1 in front of telephone numbers, even if we are calling each other
- Scholarship – Applications distributed to CVHS on March 9. There will be four scholarships for \$500 each. Categories include:
 - 1) Academic Achievement
 - 2) Vocational/trade school
 - 3) Community Service
 - 4) Post secondary goals
 - Not limited to just CVHS students. Open to community members residing in unincorporated La Crescenta and Montrose
 - Applications due March 28th
 - Interviews on April 9, 8:30 a.m.
- Silent Auction - Three 3-month YMCA family memberships available. Bidding can be done online, at the Harvest Market, call, or let a councilmember know

18. Items For and From Council

- Letter to Bishop Bruno regarding the St. Luke's of the Mountain site
 - Discussion about separation of church and state, at least until after the court makes a decision on the appeal.
 - Suggestion to not speculate the outcome of the court decision
 - Suggestion to table this at such a late hour and discuss at the EC meeting
 - Supervisor Antonovich's office does not feel this is an issue of church and state
 - After all three of the other churches returned to the churches have been immediately sold
- Tonight's Foothill Lumber meeting
 - Rodney Kahn came with the owner Eric Vabarian and presented a new drawing. Telephone lines will be subterranean.
 - Looks like the face is more than two stories

19. Executive Meeting scheduled Thursday, April 2nd CVWD Boardroom

20. April 16th General Meeting – 7 pm at CV High School Library

21. March, 2009 meeting adjourned in memory of Frankie Russo (Dominick's) and Ted Schunck (former President of CVWD board and Sheriff Volunteer) at 11:14 p.m.

Approved April 16, 2009