



Minutes

September 30, 2010

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

www.crescentavalleytowncouncil.org

Monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

1. President Davis called the meeting to order at 7PM
2. CVHS Air Force JROTC, Lt. Col. David Worley and Vice President Steve Goldsworthy led the flag salute.
3. Sister Rita Basta, President of St. James/ Holy Redeemer School Board gave the invocation and explained the new format for Catholic Education in our community.
4. Recording Secretary Erickson took roll with the following absent.
Councilmembers Todd Thornbury, Dennis van Bremen, Frank Beyt and Kevin **Kroeker**
5. Minutes from August 19, 2010 were approved following a motion and a second (Charles B/Steve G)
6. Certificates of Appreciation representing AYSO Region 88 – Aldo Mascheroni, Frank Bagheri, Aramazd Davidian and Ross Paulson by Harry Leon and President Cheryl Davis.
7. Public Comments
 - a. Mr. Larry Hensley, Chief of Planning and Mr. Frank Moreno, Section head of Trails, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation LA Parks announced a public meeting on trails for Wed Oct 20th at 7 pm in the library . The CV Town Council will e-blast the community about the meeting. Flyers are in the back. Where the trails are going has not been decided.
 - b. Paul Dutton, CV Cert asked if we are prepared with flashlights etc. A new training session is coming and coordinating with the GUSD.
 - c. Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council told of Aug 28 Canyonside work session with professional arborists showing how trees canopy the area. The Briggs area was compared to the Oakland Hills in 4 ways. 1) Surrounded by hillsides 2) Dense housing 3) Access is one way both in and out 4) Canopy of trees which stretch from one house to the next. Juniper trees were compared to 5 gal gas cans in volatility with much dead material within their branches.
 - d. Steve Pierce, CV Chamber of Commerce told of his granddaughter being a lady bug in soccer.

Christmas stockings for Afghanistan need items to stuff the stockings.

Chamber awards banquet is Oct 28th Thursday

Man of the Year Mike Smith

Woman of the Year Elizabeth Manasserian

Volunteer of the Year Roy Allman

Organization of the Year Drug & Alcohol Prevention Council

Business of the Year CV Weekly paper

Educator of the Year Rod Yonkers

And more, plan to attend

Sat Oct 23rd 9-noon clean up Foothill Day call 818 548 2877 or www.cleanupglendale.org

Sat Oct 9th 8-11am community volunteers asked to clear weeds & suckers from trees on Foothill. Public works will have water truck and Allied Waste will pick up debris

For more info contact Steve Pierce 818 259 5195

Don Norbut had hip replacement. CV TC sent a card.

Taste of the Foothills \$15 Nov 10th 5:30 to 8 PM in Ralphs parking lot near Baja Fresh, Starbucks. CVHS jazz band will entertain.

Montrose Christmas Parade is coming, sign up on their website or call Steve.

Concern for political signs on Foothill with Steve Goldsworthy saying the new CSD prevents such signs and needs to be enforced.

8. First Responder's Reports

- a. Los Angeles Sheriff – Deputy Jorge Valdivia gave august and September crime report.

He asked us to watch suspicious looking bike riders. He told of joggers leaving their valuables especially car keys left alone so others can get into their car and steal things.

He asked us to go to their website to join the sheriff academy for 8 weeks on Monday nights. He thanked the community for supporting the volunteers' rummage sale which goes for station needs and the Christmas food drive.

Supervisor Antonovich granted \$16k for Drug Recognition Expertise Training for our station deputies. Agencies are preparing for rainy season with easier evacuations.

Nixle.com is to sign up for notifications via cell and/or email of emergencies in your area.

- b. CHP –Officer Ming-Yang hsu told of 2 big rig accidents on our freeway. They passed out their stats He told of losing grants that were not used for next year. They have 65 officers at the Altadena station this year and last year was 55 officers.

Thursdays he does safety inspection of baby carseats at Altadena Station.

Officer Barrios told of rotation program for tow companies to be called. Concern was why call Burbank when our CV tow is closer, They rotate in a 20 minute response time, 6 mile radius area to be fair but citizens can request local towing.

9. Community Reports

- a. Harry Leon thanked council for honoring the AYSO. He offered to do the beautification project at Orange and Rosemont if we can hook him up with the county to get permission to fix up that corner.

- b. Karen Zimmerman on behalf of VOICE told that the final EIR will be out in the next few weeks. There is a meeting Oct 18 at the North Valley Community Center to discuss the status of the plans. Oct 7 Thursday fundraiser at Los Rapidos.

- c. Charlie Beatty reminded all to attend Oktoberfest in Montrose this Saturday. The CV Town Council will volunteer to staff and ID booth. He thanked all the volunteers.

- d. Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library reported the air and sound are now working properly. The October activity calendars are on the back table. There will be a library camp-in this Friday evening. With the library so noisy they have started quiet study hall in the community room on mon, tues and wed. and the first week was well attended with 19 to 25 a day.

- e. Cheryl Davis, CV Town Council Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 23 Fundraiser with CV High School organizations participating. If you buy 3 tickets tonight you get the 4th one free. There are 2500 tickets out with various organizations for sale.

- f. Danette Erickson, CV Town Council Election Committee reminded all to be candidates. We now have 5 candidates. Election is Nov. 6th at the library. Candidate Forum is Oct 21 at our regular meeting. The CVCA has invited our candidates to their meeting on Oct 27 at Dunsmore Park. Absentee ballot requests can be mailed in now but ballots won't go out until after Oct 17th candidate filing deadline.

10. Crescenta Valley Water District presentation by Dennis Erdman who introduced the 5 directors, Mr. Ron Mitchell, Mr. David Gould and Ms. Christy Scott. He explained the reasons for increasing the water rates due to costs like the station fire and rising cost of imported water. The CVWD will hold a hearing on Oct 19th for public concerns. The district has tried to reduce expenses wherever possible but cost to serve you are going up.

Steve Pierce said district should work to tell community more.

When well 5 which produced 20% of our local water gets back online we will have more local water. Depending on legal outcome of law suits we may have more funds from the oil company and some \$80k from government for station fire damages. Next year budget is hard to predict so one year at a time for rate increases. CVWD absorbed the last increase from foothill but has to pass on some increase this time to keep the district in a sound financial position. The rate increase was to be double digit but has been reduced to 8.5% for those who use 22500 gals over 2 months on average. The increase will be higher for those who use more. The service fee will go up \$2.56 as well. Less than 10% of customers are in level I.

Harry Leon asked if there is any other way since people are hurting. There is a program to help low income seniors. Financial assistance is on the website.

Dennis agrees to reduce rates when they can. He explained they had to invest to increase the water main for the new library as well as fire damages to their access roads.

Charles Beatty pointed out we can only pump so much from our wells.

Robert Thomas expressed the concern of those who are working hard to conserve and are frustrated that their bills keep going up. The district has chosen to have voluntary conservation with warnings to water wasters. The district will pay you to take out your lawn so as to use less water. Several residents requested stricter enforcement, possibly including fines.

Judy Tejeda told the district now offers rain barrels to customers.

Cheryl Davis asked if it is true we pay more than Glendale and Burbank for our water. CVWD rates are higher for we buy our water through Foothill Water District which adds 50% more to cost of imported water. Then we have a delivery cost to pump up our hills.

We do have an emergency connection to access water from Glendale.

11. Council Business

- a. Corresponding Secretary Battles had several letters from the county of public works.

Speed on Waltonia will be reduced to 25 mph with new stripping and up to 9 new street lights. Adobe and Orange will get no stopping on El Adobe during specific hours and also no stopping between school and Cecilville during certain hours for drop-offs in Monty's Lane.

An invitation from the GUSD to attend the 50th anniversary of CVHS in late October.

State of the Schools breakfast is Oct 7 at 7 am with Cheryl and Robbyn attending.

- b. July and August 2010 Treasurer's Report was distributed. Charlie moved and Kim seconded and passed to approve.

12. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Cheryl reported the emergency preparedness committee has developed new evacuation procedures. They expect the next layer of rocks and debris to come down and want people to sand bag again.

Cheryl suggests that next year Land Use committee with members being council members or others appointed in their place who have knowledge needed to serve on this committee. Appointees will be voted on by the whole council.

Kim spoke of need for more helpers for pancake breakfast. Harry Leon will help. The Arbor Day plaque will be done by November 1.

Robert reported on RI committee. A letter was sent to Supervisor of our exploratory committee and a new survey is now on the website. The new survey will be given out on election day as well to get a larger sampling of residents who will be effected if new residential codes come into play. Go to our website to take the new survey. We will have a response back to supervisor by the end of the year.

13. Executive Meeting at the CV Sheriff's Community Room - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 7, 2010

14. Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room – 7:00 pm Thursday, October 21, 2010

15. Adjourn at 9:45 PM