Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC) Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee January 17, 2012 Minutes

Item 1 – Scott Munson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM at the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road in Chatsworth.

Roll was taken. Council Committee Members present: Scott Munson, Erik Pampalone, Jim Van Gundy and Matt Weintraub. Stakeholder members Michele DeGaetano, and Clara Woll were present. Helen Davis, Diana Dixon-Davis, Carol Lucas and Lucie Volotsky were absent. There was a quorum. Stakeholders Jan, Jeannie and Ester were also present.

Item 2 – Public/Stakeholder Comments: No public comment. Stakeholders were here for specific items on the agenda.

Item 3 – Committee Minutes: Matt moved and Michele seconded the motion to approve the November 15, 2011 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (six votes in favor).

Item 7 – This item was moved up because a stakeholder wished to participate in the discussion. Scott mentioned that there had been a "compliance hearing" regarding the Sierra Canyon High School Athletic Field on January 13, 2012. Clara had drafted a letter asking about the placement of the sidewalk between De Soto Avenue and Independence as required in Phase II. Scott had also drafted a letter that asked questions about the determination of the number of parking spaces. It was agreed that Scott will combine the two drafts into one letter. Since the letter is asking for information, not taking a position it will go out under Scott's signature as the committee chair. Erik moves and Jim seconds a motion to write a letter to the City requesting information about the Sierra Canyon Athletic Field. The motion was unanimously approved (six votes in favor).

Item 4 – Matt reported on the damaged oak tree on the southeast corner of Owensmouth and Devonshire Street. Scott moved and Clara seconded a motion to approve the draft letter to the Department of Public Works requesting that they investigate the damaged oak tree. The motion was unanimously approved (six votes in favor).

Item 5 – Michelle reported that the fallen tree that the Fire Department was concerned about has been removed, so no action is needed.

Item 6 – The letter requesting a study of the crosswalk at Devonshire Street and Winnetka was approved at the previous meeting.

Item 8 – The discussion of a possible anti-bullying program was postponed until Vicki is available to provide additional information.

Item 9 – The discussion of the need for public access near Plummer and Topanga Canyon was tabled until Ankur is present to provide additional information.

Item 10 – Ester Schiller, Director of Smoke Free Air for Everyone (SAFE), provided the committee with additional information about the dangers of second hand smoke including a report from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. There was a discussion about ordinances in various cities. Ester agreed to provide a summary of the Calabasas ordinance to Scott.

Item 11 – Discussion of the Action Item List was postponed until the next meeting.

Item 12 – Committee Member comments:

- Michele mentioned that Fire Station 107 would like to have an air-conditioner for their station.

- Jim reported that the city cleaned the storm drains in the Roy Rogers Estates.

- Jim asked Jeannie questions about regulations regarding horse keeping in the City of Los Angeles.

- Clara announced that the First Aid and CPR classes are full, but she is taking names for a waiting list. The classes are being held at the Library with First Aid from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with CPR from 1:30 to 4:30 PM on Saturday February 11, 2012.

- Scott mentioned the ACE pilot program that was suggested at the Valley Alliance. It stands for Administrative Citation and Enforcement and is proposal to have someone in charge to address land use issues.

- Matt mentioned that there had been a presentation by Austin Buell at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.

- Clara mentioned that removal of the dead trees on Chatsworth Street between Lurline and De Soto may be an item to present to the CNC Board.

- Michele mentioned that she would like to draft a letter to Councilman Englander to request that the Jaws of Life be provide by the City to Fire Station 107. Scott suggested that it be placed on the next agenda.

Item 13 - The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.