

Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee
November 20, 2012 Minutes

Item 1 – Scott Munson, Chair, 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 were Diana Dixon-Davis, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, Scott Munson, and Matt Weintraub. Erik Pampalone and Lucie Volotsky were absent. Stakeholder members Jesse Fuller, Jim Rahm and Clara Woll were present. Michele DeGaetano was absent. There was a quorum. Helen, a stakeholder, was also in attendance.

Item 2 – Stakeholder comments:

- Helen is concerned because Variel near Lassen was resurfaced, but has not yet been restriped. Scott suggested that she contact the 12th District Council Office.

New Business:

Item 3. Mary **moved approval of the October 16, 2012 Committee minutes and Jesse seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved (8 votes in favor).**

Item 4. No one expressed an interest in becoming a stakeholder member.

Item 5. There was a discussion of the item to approve funding for Neighborhood Watch signs and other materials. Clara indicated that she has e-mailed the Treasurer to try to determine how a purchase can be made given the recent DONE changes in purchase requirements. Carol would like to have information about how many and where there are Neighborhood Watch groups in Chatsworth. Carol also thinks it would be good to know who the block captains are in order to provide them with additional information the Neighborhood Council may be aware of. It was agreed that this item would be tabled until more information is available.

Item 6. The discussion of Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon facility expansion was postponed until additional information is provided.

Item 7. Mary reported that she has e-mailed Jarred of Supervisor Antonovich's office. He agreed that it seemed that there should be a San Fernando Valley location to acquire special (Senior or Handicapped) Transit Access Pass (TAP) cards. He has promised to look into to it.

Item 8. Jim said he spoke to an officer in LAPD Valley Traffic who said he was unaware of any traffic signs that exempted residents from the no-right-turn or no-left-turn signs. Jim has also sent an e-mail to DOT to ask them if there is such sign.

Old Business:

Item 9. Jesse prepared a draft letter regarding the speed of traffic on Oakdale between Lassen and Plummer. It was suggested that Jesse revise the letter to make it more concise and send the revised version to Scott prior to the next PS&T meeting. Dean did not attend the meeting.

Item 10. There was a brief discussion of Vintage Street at De Soto Avenue. The biggest problem seems to be Chatsworth High School students being dropped off in such a way that it blocks the alleyway. Jim offered to contact the head of the LAPD School Police about this intersection

Item 11. Jim mentioned that he has spoken to the Devonshire Division Captain. The Captain is still

indicating that his current need is to complete the station Roll Call and Lunch Room remodel. It was suggested that there may be additional funds available and that PS&T might want to consider doing a combined Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) for both the remodel and Neighborhood Watch signs.

Item 12. Action Items:

- Scott reported that he had received a call from Maria Quinones of Cal-Trans regarding the Topanga Canyon lane expansion. Scott said that Cal-Trans is supposedly sending a letter describing their plans for Topanga north of Chatsworth Street.
- Scott also said that he is awaiting a phone call from Russel Hussein of DOT regarding the red left turn arrow at Mason Avenue and Rinaldi Street.
- Scott read a letter of response from the Bureau of Street Lighting. They are replacing 140,000 standard street lights with more efficient LED units. The funding is coming from the Street Lighting Assessment Fund and a loan from the Department of Water and Power (DWP).
- Scott also read a portion of a letter he had received from DWP regarding the cost of solar power from a DWP operated solar farm (.11cents per kilowatt hour) vs. solar panels on individual roofs (.22 cents per kilowatt hour).
- Clara reported that she went to DOT and spoke to Mr. Firoozmand about the School Zone on Rinaldi Street and De Soto Avenue. He indicated that the End of School Zone sign must be as it is currently placed and that DOT can't put up a sign with students crossing instead. He also said he recommended a Crossing Ahead sign with flashing lights on southbound De Soto Avenue. Clara will look into the CUP to see if that is required and if so in what phase.
- Clara also mentioned the Horse Xing marked on Variel Street between Celtic and Rinaldi to Mr. Firoozmand. She advised him that this marking had not been there prior to the resurfacing of Variel since there is no horse crossing at this location. She told him she believes the markings were previously located on Variel at the Browns Creek Wash Horse Trail crossing. He indicated that he would have someone look at it.
- Diana said that she has revised the CNC Board letter regarding the studies being done related to the Santa Susana Field Lab. She has shared the letter with Tina. Scott suggested that she place the revised letter on the next CNC agenda.

Item 13. Committee Comments:

- Matt indicated that the two best dates for the Chatsworth Orange Line Tour (COLT) bike event are April 21, 2013 or June 9, 2013. Mary suggested April 21st with June 9th as the "rain date".
- Carol said she had contacted Street Services regarding the pot holes on Baden. She said they did come out and had patched them.
- Carol also said that between Hunt Club and Baden a car drove into the horse trail and damaged the railing. She contacted the 12 Council District about it. Someone came out and picked up the broken pieces and put up a sawhorse.
- Scott asked if anyone knew who had cleaned Mason recently because the trash bags have not been picked up. He will make some calls to try to get the trash bags picked up.
- Diana mentioned that the Santa Susana Field Lab Public Participation Group is being closed down. She is planning to apply for the new group.
- Mary asked if there will be a December PS&T meeting. Scott said that he plans to have a meeting. It will be December 18, 2013.

Item 14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.