

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)  
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee  
February 19, 2013 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, Erik Pampalone, Lucie Volotsky and Matt Weintraub. Stakeholder members Michele DeGaetano and Clara Woll were present. Jesse Fuller and Jim Rahm were absent. There was a quorum. Helen, a stakeholder, and Steve Gaur of the DOT Bicycle Unit were also in attendance.

Item 5. Scott suggested skipping to this item since Mr. Gaur is on City time. Steve presented information about a proposed addition of a bicycle lane on Corbin Avenue between Rinaldi Street and Lassen Street. He said there are currently two lanes in each direction, with the curb lanes being 18 feet wide. The proposal is to stripe in a bike lane in the curb lanes. This would leave two eleven foot wide traffic lanes in each direction. However, it would eliminate street parking. Steve indicated that homes do not face Corbin along this stretch and there are block walls all along the street, with the possible exception of corner lots. He indicated that if the plan is accepted, it would be approximately July before the bike lanes were put in. Diana suggested talking to the homeowners along Corbin before proceeding. Steve said that a good web site to look at is [www.bicyclela.org](http://www.bicyclela.org). **Scott moved to approve bike lanes on Corbin Avenue between Rinaldi and Lassen Streets contingent upon DOT making satisfactory arrangements for on-street parking for residences that front on Corbin Avenue. Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 2. Stakeholder comments:

- Helen reported that Variel south of Lassen has not been restriped since it was resurfaced. She has contacted the Department of Transportation (DOT) about the issue, but the work has not yet been done. She also asked DOT about the removal of the signs at De Soto and Plummer which indicated that the intersection is a 3-way signal. She was told that DOT is no longer using those signs.

**New Business:**

Item 3. **Mary moved that the November 20, 2012 Committee minutes be accepted as written and Scott seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

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

Item 6. Clara indicated that she had received an e-mail from Jesse saying that the letter to the Studio City Neighborhood Council is no longer needed.

Item 7. Scott indicated that Bloomfield's State measure AB 22 would require that if a city is going to shift the cost of sidewalk repair to homeowners, then it must be done with “public consent”. Scott suggested taking a straw vote on the letter, but passing it on to the CNC Legislative Committee to make the motion to be taken to CNC for a final vote. **Scott moves support of Bloomfield's draft letter supporting AB 22. Diana seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, but it will be up to the Legislative Committee to take the motion to CNC.**

Item 8. Councilman Englander has pulled off the ballot the City tax measure relating to street repairs and CNC has already taken a position opposing the County water quality measure. No action need be

taken on these measures at this time. Carol commented that only a few people from Chatsworth have completed the Mayor's Budget survey. She will send the web site to Committee members.

### **Old Business:**

Item 9. Mary had some suggestions for the draft letter regarding the speed of traffic on Oakdale between Lassen and Plummer. Mary will provide those changes to Jesse and the letter will be postponed until the next PS&T meeting.

Item 10. There was a brief discussion of the PS&T budget and the possibility that \$3,000 is going to be made available to committees from the administrative allocation. Scott estimates that \$750 of the \$3,000 would be available to each committee. Matt indicated that he has spoken with the organizers of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> "Wild West" bike ride and was told they were required to acquire a \$400 insurance policy in order to hold the ride. If this is the case, he will need approximately \$250 of additional funding, so the total needed will be \$750. A motion to increase the funding will be placed on next month's PS&T agenda. Matt is planning to hold the the Chatsworth Orange Line Tour Bike Rally June 9<sup>th</sup> and is concerned about being able to purchase needed items that late in the fiscal year. Scott suggested that he discuss it with Vicki.

Item 11. Scott explained that the batteries in the lanterns used to light the walkways at CNC meeting are dead. Vicki has 6 replacement batteries from the original purchase, but 8 are needed (4 in each lantern) and Scott wants to obtain more as spares for future use. **Erik moved approval of \$50 for batteries. Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 12 and 13. Scott read an e-mail from Jim indicating that he had spoken to Danny Del Valle and due to privacy reasons Danny can't give out the names of the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. There was considerable discussion about LAPD Devonshire Division's request for funding for the break room remodel. Scott moved to approve up to \$2,040 to SOLID via a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the LAPD Devonshire Division for remodeling the break room or other items. Erik seconded the motion. The motion failed (4 in favor, 5 opposed). **Scott moved to approve up to \$250 to SOLID via a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Neighborhood Watch in Chatsworth. Erik seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor). Clara then moved to approve up to \$1,000 for SOLID via a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for LAPD Devonshire Division needs. Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).** It was agreed that the two approved motions could be combined into one Neighborhood Purposes Grant if that is acceptable to DONE.

Item 14. Michele explained that Fire Station 96 has a list of tools that they would like to have for doing repairs on the trucks and the station. They would also like a replacement weight bench. **Scott moved to approve up to \$1,000 for tools and a weight bench for Fire Station 96. Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

-Items 10 through 14 do not require any additional CNC funding since the committee is still within its allocated budget

- Mary said that some of the horses used for the Volunteer Mounted Patrol are in need of rubber boots to keep them from slipping on pavement. She wondered if this would be an appropriate use of CNC funds. She will look into if and how these boots might be purchased.

Item 15.- Action Items:

- Mary reported that the "Keep Clear" markings on Chatsworth Street at Independence have been redone.

- Clara and Scott reported on the CERT classes. The classes have been well attended with a high of 51

to a low of 44. The last class is Thursday.

- Scott said he got a response from DOT on the Chatsworth Street letter. He provided a copy to Erik and Clara for the record.

Item 16. Committee Comments:

- Mary is concerned about the north end of Independence being too narrow for street parking. She explained that the trash truck had to back up and go around to Rinaldi to pick up the trash containers for the last three homes. She will pursue it as an individual.

- Matt asked if the sidewalk along the Sierra Canyon High School Athletic Field would be completed in time for the COLT bike rally. It is not expected to be completed in time.

- Erik asked about the Playground Zone issue at Mason Park. Scott explained that there has been no response from the City Attorney.

- Erik announced that trees along Devonshire were recently trimmed.

- Carol asked if there are cameras on many of the businesses along Devonshire. Erik said some businesses have cameras, and that he has recently gotten DWP to install lights on their power polls in the alley behind his business. They charge only \$21 per month. Erik also said that BID is looking into increased security.

- Clara reported that there is another dead pine tree on the north side of Chatsworth Street just east of De Soto. She will send an individual e-mail to Urban Forrestry.

- Clara announced that she had sent an individual e-mail to Street Services and Sanitation regarding the need to clean storm drains and streets, particularly Canoga, Chatsworth and Devonshire. A crew was sent out the next day to clean the storm drains. Unfortunately the streets were not cleaned, so some of the cleaned drains already have debris in them.

- Erik moved to adjourn and Matt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.