

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)  
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee  
February 21, 2012 Minutes**

Item 1 – Scott Munson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road in Chatsworth.

Roll was taken. Council Committee Members present: Carol Lucas, Scott Munson, Erik Pampalone, Jim Van Gundy and Matt Weintraub. Lucie Volotsky arrived at 8:40 PM. Stakeholder members Helen Davis, Michele DeGaetano and Clara Woll were present. Diana Dixon-Davis was absent. There was a quorum. Stakeholders Diane, Glenn, Helen, Jan and Jeannie were present. Five students from CSUN also attended.

Item 4 – Scott brought up the Sierra Canyon presentation to let everyone know that the school was not going to be able to attend, in case anyone was only at the meeting to hear their presentation. He indicated that the school would try to attend next month's meeting. Scott gave the committee a status report. He indicated that he has met with Sierra Canyon and DWP twice each. He will provide additional information later.

Item 2 – Public/Stakeholder Comments: Jeannie provided information regarding the Deerlake Ranch hearing. Jeannie mentioned that the same condition to improve Chatsworth Street at De Soto Avenue is in the Deerlake Ranch CUP as is in the Sierra Canyon High School CUP. There was a discussion about the status of those improvements.

- Josh and Carrie, CSUN students working on a Senior Project, brought a public health survey and requested that everyone at the meeting participate.

- Glenn discussed possible changes to Winnetka between Plummer and Nordhoff regarding parking and the bike lane. He requested that it be put on the next PS&T agenda. Glenn will try to provide traffic studies and other information to the committee.

- Glenn also reported that the button is missing to activate the crossing light on northbound Topanga Canyon at the eastbound onramp to the 118 Freeway. He also said that the westbound off ramp crossing button is not working. Glenn indicated that he would report this to CALTRANS, but if it is not acted on he may ask that a letter to be sent to the State by the PS&T committee. He may request that these items also be added to the next agenda.

Item 3 – Committee Minutes: **Scott moved and Erik seconded the motion to approve the January 17, 2012 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (eight votes in favor).**

Item 5 – Michelle and Erik reported on Fire Station #107's (Devonshire and Winnetka) need for an air conditioning unit. The estimated total cost including tax and shipping is \$2,460.00. PS&T has approximately \$1,140.00 remaining in FY 2011-2012 funds. These funds would be combined with other CNC allocations to pay for the air conditioner. **Scott moved and Michele seconded a motion to recommend a CNC expenditure of up to \$2,460 for the purchase of an air conditioner for Fire Station 107. The motion was unanimously approved (eight votes in favor).**

Item 6 – There was a discussion about the removal of the two dead pine trees on the north side of Chatsworth Street between De Soto and Lurline. Glenn indicated that he had been told that funds were available to remove trees in an emergency. It was noted that CNC had sent a letter and had received an e-mail indicating that the City would not be able to remove

these trees, but would be willing to do so if CNC paid for it. **Scott moved and Clara seconded a motion to recommend a CNC expenditure of up to \$2,300 to remove the two dead pine trees on the north side of Chatsworth Street between Lurline and De Soto Avenue. The motion was unanimously approved (eight votes in favor).**

Item 7 – There was a discussion about the scope of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee. It was generally agreed that while there may be some overlap with Land Use, sidewalks are an appropriate topic for Public Safety and Transportation.

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 postponed until Ankur is present to provide additional information.

Item 10 – There was a discussion about proposals to limit second hand smoke in apartments and condominiums. Jim pointed out that State law was changed recently to allow apartment owners to set up separate dwellings for nonsmokers. Scott requested that Jim draft a letter that asks the City to allow property owners to voluntarily limit smoking in their buildings.

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

Item 12 – Committee Member comments:

- Scott indicated that the speed limit has been increased on Mason to 40 MPH. He plans to put on next month's agenda a letter requesting that a new speed limit sign be put up on southbound Mason north of the radar speed sign so drivers know what the speed limit is.
- Helen mentioned that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, February 23 at Saint John Eudes Church at 7:00 PM. The speaker will be Councilman Englander.
- Matt mentioned that the Santa Susana Park Association had an interesting presentation on Cougars. He said that there had been a report of a cougar on a roof in Chatsworth, but it turned out to be a large raccoon.
- Carol spoke about her concern with graffiti and abandoned shopping carts. She said that the area on Nordhoff between Topanga and Canoga had been particularly bad, but that the recycle business had made an effort to clean up. Carol is considering handing out fliers reminding people of the graffiti and shopping cart removal phone numbers.
- Erik announced that the Kiwanis golf tournament is coming up in April. He also indicated that he is looking at ways to improve the CNC web site. He asked the committee what features are important to them. Clara said she would like to see the minutes posted more quickly and that agendas be retained.
- Clara indicated that there were 35 people certified in First Aid and 33 in CPR at the last CNC sponsored training.

Item 13 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.