

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)**  
**Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee**  
**March 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, Carol Lucas and Scott Munson. Mary Kaufman, Erik Pampalone, Lucie Volotsky and Matt Weintraub were absent. Stakeholder members Michele DeGaetano, Jesse Fuller, Jim Rahm and Clara Woll were present. There was a quorum. Helen, a stakeholder, and Officer Don Hovey of the LAPD Valley Traffic Division were also in attendance.

Item 5. Scott suggested skipping to this item to accommodate Officer Hovey. Officer Hovey explained the functions of the Valley Traffic Division and responded to questions.

Item 2. Stakeholder comments:

- Helen reported that Variel south of Lassen still has not been restriped since it was resurfaced. She contacted Transportation and has received calls back, but the work has not yet been done.

**New Business:**

Item 3. Helen requested that a change be made to Item 2 of the minutes to indicate that the three-way signal is at De Soto and Plummer. **Scott moved that the February 19, 2013 Committee minutes be approved with the corrections and Jesse seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved (7 votes in favor).**

Item 4. Scott announced that CNC committees will be reconstituted next month. He hopes that the existing stakeholders will attend the meeting next month and participate on the committee again.

**Old Business:**

Item 6. Jesse reported that he had left a message for Mr. Firoozmand of DOT about traffic issues on Oakdale. He received a call back from Barbara Porter, who is only there two days a week. She wants the information in an e-mail rather than a voice mail. Scott noted that Judi Daniels has requested certain changes to the draft letter. **Scott moved to incorporate Judi's changes into the draft and send the letter out as a written document as DOT requested. Clara seconded the motion, with the letter to go through the full board. The motion was approved unanimously (7 votes in favor).**

Item 8. Jesse showed the web-site that he has developed for the COLT Bicycle Rally. He plans to use the site to sign up participants. He also mentioned that \$400 is needed for insurance for the event. **Scott moved and Michele seconded a motion to add \$400 for insurance to the previously approved amount of \$500 for the Chatsworth Orange Line Tour Bike Rally. The new total will be \$900. The motion was unanimously approved (7 votes in favor). Scott also moved to obtain feedback for the COLT web-site from CNC. The motion was seconded by Jim. The motion was unanimously approved (7 votes in favor).**

Item 7. The PS&T budget has been increased to \$4,590. It was pointed out that we have \$740 that has not been allocated. There was a discussion about how the committee wished to use the remaining funds. Michele indicated that the Fire Station had identified over \$1,000 worth of tools that they wished to purchase, in addition to the \$500 needed for the weight bench. Safety whistles with a printed

explanation of their use in emergencies was also suggested as a possible project. Diana agreed to pursue obtaining the whistles. **Scott moved that the PS&T budget allocation reflect the addition of \$500 for the Fire Department (for a total of \$1,500) and that \$200 to be allocated for safety whistles and printing. Clara seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved (7 votes in favor).** Scott will bring these motions to the CNC as Board Member motions.

Item 9. The request for funding of rubber boots for the Volunteer Mounted Patrol was withdrawn.

Item 10. Scott reviewed the Open Action List with the committee.

Item 11. Committee member comments:

- Michele asked if Topanga Canyon Boulevard was expected to be extended over Oat Mountain to Santa Clarita in the future. Jesse indicated that there is a trail called Saugus to the Sea that follows the previously proposed route. He does not think that there are any plans to complete that road.
- Diana believes that a Park Director needs to be reinstated at Chatsworth Park South so that once the Recreation Center is open it will be available to the public and not just to paying groups. Scott suggested that this be placed on next month's PS&T agenda.
- Carol asked about the possibility of the Volunteer Surveillance Team becoming involved with graffiti prevention in Chatsworth. Clara will provide Carol with a contact.
- Jesse said that people in cars are using the bike lane along Devonshire as a regular traffic lane. He also mentioned that "continental" crosswalks, which wider and more visible, are being used in some locations. He thought they might be appropriate at certain crosswalks along Topanga Canyon Boulevard, such as at Chatsworth Street.

Item 12. Jesse moved to adjourn and Michele seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.