

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)**  
**Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee**  
**April 16, 2013 Minutes**

Item 1 – Scott Munson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road in Chatsworth.

Roll was taken. Council Members present were Diana Dixon-Davis, Mary Kaufman, Scott Munson, Lucie Volotsky and Matt Weintraub. Carol Lucas and Erik Pampalone were absent. Stakeholders present included Michele DeGaetano, Jesse Fuller, Helen Murphy, Jim Rahm and Clara Woll. There was a quorum of Council Members.

Item 2. Stakeholder comments:

- Helen reported that Variel south of Lassen still has not been restriped since it was resurfaced. She has spoken to Barbara Porter of Department of Transportation, but the work has not yet been done.

**New Business:**

Item 3. Matt nominated Scott as Chair of the Committee. Mary seconded the motion. **Scott was unanimously elected PS&T Committee Chair (5 Council Member votes in favor).**

Item 4. Scott asked Helen if she would like to be a stakeholder member of the committee. She explained that she is already on another committee and therefore declined. Scott nominated Jesse, Michele, Jim and Clara as stakeholder members. Mary seconded the motion. **Jesse, Michele, Jim and Clara were unanimously elected PS&T Committee Stakeholder Members (5 Council Member votes in favor).**

Item 5. Matt was asked if he would consider being Vice-Chair of the Committee for a second year. He explained that since he is Chair of the Legislative Committee he would prefer not to. Jim was then asked if he would consider being Vice-Chair. He agreed to fill in when Scott was unable to attend. Clara nominated Jim and Mary seconded the motion. **Jim was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the PS&T Committee (9 votes in favor).** Scott explained that Clara no longer wished to be Secretary for the Committee. He asked if anyone was willing to volunteer. Jesse said he would be willing to be Secretary. Scott nominated Jesse as Secretary and Clara seconded the motion. **Jesse was unanimously elected PS&T Secretary (9 votes in favor).**

Item 6. **Scott moved that the March 19, 2013 Committee minutes be approved and Jesse seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 7. There was a concern about the current meeting date conflicting with the Chatsworth Historical Society Meetings. Diana suggested an earlier time, but several committee members said they would be unable to come earlier. No other suitable meeting day was found, therefore, Michele moved to keep the same day and time for the meetings. Mary seconded the motion. **The motion to keep the same day and time for PS&T meetings was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 8. Diana said that even though she hasn't completed a draft letter, she would like to send a letter to Recreation and Parks, with a cc to Council Member Englander, requesting that a Park Director position for Chatsworth Park South be reinstated in the 2013-2014 L.A. City Budget, so that the Recreation Center can be available for use by the community. **Jesse moved and Matt seconded a motion to send a letter through CNC to request reinstatement of a park position for Chatsworth Park South. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 9. Clara and Diana explained that there was a Chatsworth Park Elementary School parent hit in the north crosswalk at Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Devonshire Street. The Principal and a number of parents are concerned about the safety of students crossing there. A crossing guard had been assigned there in the past, but due to budget cuts the position was eliminated. DOT had explained that since it is a signal controlled intersection, they did not believe a crossing guard was necessary. Diana mentioned that since this intersection is a 3-way signal many people find it confusing. Diana suggested a letter similar to the one she had prepared in which she requested that DOT do a study of the intersection. Clara suggested that DOT also consider installing a “continental” crosswalk (wide horizontal stripes) and Mary suggested a count down crosswalk, if there is not one already. **Scott moved that a letter be sent through the board to DOT, with cc's to other involved agencies, requesting a study of the intersection of Topanga Canyon and Devonshire Street. Lucie seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 10. Scott explained that the City will be doing a Mobility Element Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to take the lead for the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council. Jesse offered to take the lead on this. **Scott moved and Matt seconded a motion for Jesse to be the contact person for the Mobility Element. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 11 and 13. Diana has determined that the cost of the whistles is greater than the \$200 previously approved. They can be purchased for a total of \$300. The committee reviewed the current budget and anticipated expenditures and determined that there is at least \$100 available. The funds will come from the \$50 previously approved for batteries which are now being purchased out of Administration, the \$40 left as a contingency, and funds not spent for the last CERT class and an expected savings in printing. **Scott moved and Matt seconded a motion to increase the amount for whistles by \$100 from \$200 to \$300. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

### **Old Business:**

Item 12. The Committee reviewed the SOLID Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Evaluation for the LAPD break room, as well as discussing the Resolutions for the two Solid NPG and the Fire Department Foundation NPG. Michele expects to receive the Fire Foundation Application on Wednesday. Jim and Clara are waiting to hear from Becky Leveque on the timing of the SOLID applications.

Item 14. There was a brief discussion of the COLT Bicycle Ride under Action Items. Matt mentioned that he was able to have 3,000 COLT fliers printed for \$360. He said that Sierra Canyon has agreed to open the gates to the paved path on the south side of the High School Athletic Field on the day of the COLT Ride to allow bicyclists to continue onto Rinaldi and not use the horse trail. Mary said that the Day of the Horse had attendance of between 1,500 and 1,800 people. She gave Matt and Jesse suggestions of media outlets that may announce the event.

Item 15. Committee member comments/Adjournment:

- Diana mentioned that she has been appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Group for the Santa Susana Field Lab.

- Jesse said that there was a meeting tonight in Van Nuys regarding the proposed ballot measure to increase taxes to complete street repairs in L.A. City.

**- Jesse moved to adjourn and Michele seconded the motion. The motion unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.**