

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee
April 17, 2012 Minutes**

Prior to the meeting being called to order Diana provided information about the Santa Susana Field Lab study being done by CADTSC. Scott suggested that Diana draft a letter asking why they are not using standard procedures in this study and that she place the letter on the committee agenda for next month.

Item 1 – Scott Munson called the meeting to order at 7:20 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, Scott Munson and Lucie Volotsky. There was a quorum. Carol Lucas, Erik Pampalone and Matt Weintraub were absent. Stakeholders present included Glenn, Michele, Jan, Helen, and Clara.

Item 2 – Stakeholder comments:

- Glenn thanked the committee and CNC for devoting time to allow the DOT to present information about the proposed Winnetka Bike Lanes. He believes that DOT will begin putting in those bike lanes in approximately two weeks. He also suggested that CNC provide an informational flier for the businesses along Winnetka. Glenn also mentioned that he had provided several committee members with the original Bernson motion regarding expansion of Topanga Canyon Boulevard to three lanes in each direction. Scott suggested placing it on the committee agenda for next month. Glenn discussed Recommendation # 20 by the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates group to the Mayor and City Council. He said this recommendation was to reinstate the 50/50 sidewalk repair program that had been instituted in 2005. This group also suggested that similar programs for tree trimming and pothole repair be considered.
- Helen mentioned that the recent rains had caused a number of potholes to open up in her area. Scott suggested reporting them using 311. She also stated that the Winnetka Bike Lanes should be safer for bicyclists than using De Soto Avenue.
- Scott mentioned that Fuentes, a State Assemblyman, has introduced a bill that would prevent the cities from shifting responsibility for sidewalks to homeowners.

Item 3 – Diana nominated Scott as Committee Chair and Mary seconded the nomination. Scott was unanimously elected (four votes in favor).

Item 4 – Scott nominated Clara as a stakeholder member of the committee and Diana seconded the nomination. Clara was unanimously elected as a stakeholder member (four votes in favor).

- Scott nominated Michele as a stakeholder member, and Mary seconded the nomination. Michele was unanimously elected as a stakeholder member (five votes in favor). Michele left the meeting following the election. Scott explained that Helen is retiring from the committee and asked if anyone else was interested in participating as a stakeholder.

Item 5 – Scott nominated Matt as Vice-Chair and Diana seconded the nomination. (Matt had previously agreed to accept the position.) Matt was unanimously elected Vice-Chair (five votes in favor).

- Mary nominated Clara as Secretary with Scott seconding the motion. Clara was unanimously elected as Committee Secretary (five votes in favor).

Item 6 – Committee Minutes: **Scott moved and Lucie seconded the motion to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously (five votes in favor).**

Item 7 – Glenn has photo's of the missing or inoperable pedestrian/equestrian activation buttons at Topanga Canyon Boulevard and the eastbound 118 Freeway on-ramp and the westbound off-ramp. He will e-mail the photos, then Clara and Scott will prepare a draft letter for CNC approval. The Equestrian Committee will work on access to the City Stoney Point Park from that area. Diana suggests sending copies to the State Representatives as well. **Scott moved to approve sending a letter through CNC to Cal-Trans requesting installation and repair of these activation buttons. Clara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (five votes in favor).**

Old Business:

Item 8 – The discussion of a possible CNC anti-bullying program was postponed until Vicki is available to provide additional information. Diana, Jan and Helen discussed current school based anti-bullying programs. Diana may prepare a draft letter for the committee opposing the loss of funding for after school programs to be placed on the next agenda.

Item 9 – Ankur has classes on Tuesday evenings and is unable to attend to provide information on the public access issue near Plummer and Topanga Canyon. **Clara moved to remove this item from the agenda until Ankur advises the committee that he is available to provide additional information. Scott seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved (five votes in favor).**

Item 10 – Action Item List:

- The following items were discussed and it was determined that the committee work has been completed. The items moved to the Closed Action Item List include; the non-smoking letter, the letter to DOT requesting a study of the signal at Topanga Canyon and Devonshire Street, the purchase of an automated telephone system for VST, the February 2012 CPR and First Aid classes, the letter supporting a standard floating cover at the Elysian Park Reservoir, the letter regarding the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, the review of Fire Safe Councils, and the letter requesting installation of a speed limit sign on Mason north of the radar sign.

Item 11 – Committee Member comments:

- Mary announced the Day of the Horse is April 29 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Stoney Point Ranch. She recommends that everyone stop by and to make a point of looking at the excellent posters submitted for the contest. Mary asked Glenn if there are any bicycle newsletters that CNC could use to make people aware of the location of new bicycle lanes. Glenn responded that City DOT has a bike blog that is Citywide and that there is a L. A. County Bicycle Coalition.
- Diana asked about informational fliers covering the rules of the road relating to bicycles. Glenn indicated that the Auto Club has a good one available and he will try to get some extra copies.

Item 12 – The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.