

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee
May 15, 2012 Minutes**

Item 1 – Scott Munson 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 Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, Erik Pampalone, Scott Munson and Matt Weintraub. Diana Dixon-Davis and Lucie Volotsky were absent. Stakeholder members present were Michele DeGaetano and Clara Woll. There was a quorum. Other stakeholders attending included Glenn, Jan, Jessie, Helen and Diane.

Item 2 – Stakeholder comments:

- Jessie commented that he opposed CalTrans creating three lanes in both directions on Topanga Canyon Boulevard. He believes that parking is needed for Stoney Point Climbers and for bicycle riders.
- Glenn commented that he had recently ridden the bike/pedestrian trail on the east side of Brown's Canyon Wash between Devonshire and Independence. He said it is in bad shape with many cracks and plants growing up in it. He suggests that, with the Orange Line Extension opening soon; an effort to improve this trail might be appropriate.
- Diane mentioned that her daughter has noticed some students at Sierra Canyon High School are parking on the south side of Rinaldi in the no parking zone and jaywalking across. She is concerned that there may be a serious accident. It was suggested that they call Sierra Canyon to express their concern or that 311 be called to ask parking enforcement to patrol the area.
- Diane also reported that the oak tree on Owensmouth at Chatsworth Street had been trimmed back, but she believes that it is still dangerous because the center has rotted out. Scott requested that we agendaize this for next month.
- Helen commented that she is also opposed to increasing the number of lanes on Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

Item 3 – Committee Minutes: **Scott moved and Mary seconded the motion to approve the April 17, 2012 minutes. The motion was approved (six votes in favor, Matt abstained).**

Item 4 – Scott asked if anyone was interested in participating on the committee as a stakeholder member. No one expressed an interest.

Item 5 - Glenn summarized the City Council motion that was approved in 2003. The Bernson motion was supportive of CalTrans making Topanga Canyon Boulevard three lanes in each direction from the 101 Freeway to Chatsworth Street. It eliminates curb parking on Topanga from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. CalTrans has completed the six lanes up to Parthenia Street. Glenn is concerned that CalTrans plans to extend this from Chatsworth Street to the 118 Freeway. Scott wants to see the plans for Topanga Canyon from Parthenia to the 118 Freeway. There is concern about the parking for Stoney Point and Stoney Point Ranch. **Scott moves that the committee send two letters requesting information. The first would be to CalTrans asking their plans for Topanga Canyon from Parthenia to the 118 Freeway and the second letter would be to City Recreation and Parks regarding their parking plans for Stoney Point and Stoney Point Ranch. Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (seven votes in favor).**

Item 6 – There was a discussion about the proposed letter requesting public notification of property owners who are impacted by mitigation measures that are outside the 500-foot project

radius currently required. Clara mentioned that Linda was also sent the draft letter for inclusion on the Land Use Committee agenda. **Scott moved to approve sending the letter and Matt seconded the motion. The motion was approved with six votes in favor and Mary abstaining.**

Item 7 – Lack of funding for After School Programs and Item 8 – The Santa Susana Field Lab Clean-up were held until Diana is available to provide information.

Item 9 – Scott pointed out that an asphalt curb with no gutter has been put in on Chatsworth Street west of De Soto. He believes that it should have been concrete unless it is intended to be temporary. Clara also mentioned that she had been told that it was to be a rolled curb rather than a straight curb. **Clara moved and Matt seconded a motion that Scott write and send a letter asking why asphalt was used instead of concrete and was consideration given to a rolled curb on Chatsworth Street at De Soto Avenue. The motion was approved with six in favor and Mary abstaining.**

Old Business:

Item 10 – The discussion of a possible CNC anti-bullying program was postponed until Vicki is available to provide additional information.

Item 11 – Action Item List was postponed until next month.

Item 12 – Committee Member comments:

- Matt mentioned that there is a very noisy machine in the shopping center on the northwest corner of Devonshire and Mason Avenue.
- Michele asked what was being built north of Walgreens. Several people commented that it appears to be a sober living home.
- Carol mentioned that the 12th District Newsletter focused on sober living and group homes and included a map showing known ones. She said Councilman Englander wanted letters from Neighborhood Councils on the issue. Scott suggested sending the information to Matt for the legislative committee to put on their agenda.
- Mary commented that she is concerned about the speed of traffic on Chatsworth Street. She wants to see if the mounted officers would be able to use radar guns and coordinate with motorcycle enforcement in the Chatsworth area.
- Clara mentioned that Robert Payne of DOT said he is looking into getting the handicapped parking area striping redone at the Chatsworth train depot.
- Glenn said that the City Council approved the consolidation of the Office of Public Safety into L.A.P.D.

Item 13 – Scott moved to adjourn the meeting Michele seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.