

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)  
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee  
June 19, 2012 Minutes**

Item 1 – Scott Munson called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, Erik Pampalone, Scott Munson, Lucie Volotsky (7:12) and Matt Weintraub. Mary Kaufman was absent. Stakeholder member Clara Woll was present. Michele DeGaetano was absent. There was a quorum. Stakeholders in attendance included Brad, Frank, Jan, Jeannie, Jessie, Helen and Diane. Lesa Slaughter and Joe Masotta represented Sierra Canyon Schools.

Item 6 –Traffic Issues on Chatsworth Street: This item was moved up to accommodate a stakeholder who wished to speak. Frank indicated that he lives at corner of Chatsworth Street and Variel Avenue. He is concerned about a number of traffic and safety issues on Chatsworth Street. His concerns include overweight vehicles, failure of vehicles to stop at that corner and at the horse crossing at Browns Creek Wash, and the failure of police to return to his calls. Scott requested that Erik talk privately with Frank to clarify his concerns and to draft a letter to the City for the next committee meeting to address the issues raised.

Item 2 – Stakeholder comments:

- Helen said that the City is in the process of repainting the handicapped parking space lines at the Train Depot.
- Jessie commented that the City has begun marking the bike lane extension on Winnetka, but that additional striping is needed.

Item 5 – Sierra Canyon Schools' presentation: Joe and Lesa shared the current plans for the High School Athletic Field Phase II. They anticipate approximately 24 months of construction. The Sierra Canyon representatives agreed to send Scott copies of the plans they submitted. They also showed on their plans construction of a ten-foot public sidewalk immediately south of their property.

Item 11 – Santa Susana Field Lab Cleanup: Diana was not feeling well so Scott suggested moving items 11 and 10 up. Scott requested that Diana list herself as the contact person and that Teena Takata be added as to the cc's. **Matt moved and Lucie seconded a motion to approve Diana's draft letter with the suggested changes. The motion was unanimously approved (seven votes in favor).**

Item 10 – Lack of funding for after school programs: Diana read a draft letter opposing the lack of funding for after school programs. Scott pointed out that the committees do not send letters taking a position, but that the letter could be changed to ask questions about the plans for students if these programs are not funded. **Diana moved and Scott seconded a motion to send a revised letter to LAUSD asking their plans for students if after school programs are not funded. The motion was unanimously approved (seven votes in favor).** Diana left the meeting following this vote.

Item 3 – Committee Minutes: **Scott moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the May 15, 2012 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (six votes in favor).**

Item 4 – Scott asked if anyone was interested in participating on the committee as a stakeholder member. Jessie expressed some interest. Scott suggested that he think about it and the committee will take action next meeting.

Item 7 – Diane mentioned that the damaged oak tree on the southeast corner of Owensmouth and Devonshire Street was trimmed, but that she believes that it still presents a danger. Scott requested that Matt look at it and possibly draft a second letter regarding the tree.

Item 8 – Erik showed the attendees a power point presentation e-mailed by Glenn showing that the bike/pedestrian path on the southeast side of Brown's Creek Wash is in disrepair. A draft letter to the Department of Transportation was reviewed. **Erik moves approval of the draft letter asking if funds are available for repair and resurfacing in conjunction with the Orange Line Extension and when routine maintenance is scheduled. Lucie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (six votes in favor).**

Item 9 – There was a discussion about the CNC and Public Safety and Transportation Committee budget for July 2012 through June 2013. Lucie mentioned that in September the Chamber of Commerce is planning to have a family festival and she would like to have funding for an emergency preparedness booth, but she is not sure how much funding is needed. It was agreed that everyone would think about items they would like to see included in the next year's budget and the committee would try to finalize it next month.

### **Old Business:**

Item 12 – The discussion of a possible CNC anti-bullying program was postponed until Vicki is available to provide additional information.

Item 13 – Action Item List: Scott mentioned that he had received a call from Sergio Valdez in response to the committee's letter asking about the use of asphalt curbs and gutters rather than concrete for the improvements on Chatsworth Street at De Soto Avenue. Mr. Valdez said that the choice of materials was determined by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. Clara mentioned that it does not appear that the left turn lane was extended much if at all. **Scott moves to resend the letter to the Bureau of Engineering with an additional question about the left turn lane. Erik seconded the motion. The motion to modify and resend the previous letter was unanimously approved.**

Item 14 – Committee Member comments:

- Matt mentioned that there has been a significant number of "distraction burglaries" in our area. These have included a number with a person coming to the door in an official looking uniform and talking to the resident while someone else is breaking in and stealing valuables.
- Erik indicated that he believes that traffic on Devonshire is too fast. The BID is considering requesting angle parking on Devonshire. He wondered what the committee thought about this proposal and if he could bring a letter for committee approval.
- Carol said that the area around the recycling center seems to have fewer abandoned shopping carts.
- Clara mentioned that the City cut the two dead oak trees on Chatsworth Street before Oak Springs was able to do the work, so the money did not come out of the CNC budget.

Item 15 – Erik moved to adjourn the meeting and Clara seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.