

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, Land Use Committee
Chatsworth Depot
Minutes February 16, 2012 - Draft Minutes**

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Andre van der Valk, Linda van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Teena Takata, Saul Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Jelena Csanyi, Mary Kaufman, Janice Eddy-Languein, Vicki Briskman, Diana Dixon Davis

Not here: Chuck Knolls, Larry Heller, Mark Levinson, Dan Huffman

Stakeholder and Public Comments

Concerns expressed about Chatsworth Nature Preserve relating to Chatsworth community – this is on agenda, item 4.

Question about complaints on home along Devonshire, about 3 homes east of Vons; no complaints; seems to be some sort of church/religious activity here.

Comment on McDonalds, traffic on the driveway that exits to Devonshire (the driveway on the east side) has no visible No Left Turn sign – there is one that is there, but it is to prevent a left turn into the west driveway on Devonshire.

The minutes from January were approved with a correction to show Jelena’s name correctly.

Presentations and Possible Motions:

ReDistricting:

Certain parties are trying to place the Chatsworth Nature Preserve, and also Chatsworth, in CD 3 (Council District) (it presently is in CD 12); they went to a hearing at Pierce, made comments, also to Walter Reed and made further comments. A visitor at the last CNC meeting commented on optimizing the reservoir to be utilized at its highest and best use; that provides many in our community real concerns that the underlying intent would be development. There was a letter submitted at a public hearing asking the Nature Preserve go to CD 3. There was subsequent comment on CD 12 via email from the Redistricting Commission, a suggestion was to include Northridge South into CD 12, as a small edge of that area is left out, but there was no comment on CD 3 at all, and no attempt to change the CD 3 and CD 12 boundaries between those two areas.

Vicki moved, Jelena seconded approval of the CNC letter, as submitted regarding redistricting issues, and advising that the Nature Preserve is most appropriately matched with Chatsworth, and with CD 12. The motion was approved unanimously by the committee.

Land Use Budget – Blinds – Verticals \$205/each x 2, plus tax \$450.40 is the price of an identical replacement for the two large windows in the community meeting room. The alternative product,

under consideration is roll down shades. These sometimes have a fascia cover, they include some heat minimization not provided by the other option. The price for those, without the valence is \$1447.38. Mariak Industries is the manufacturer. After some discussion, Teena moved to approve the more expensive option of the rollup shades, with the valence (total price \$1665.67); The committee approved the motion with one member opposed; color to be chosen; motion carried.

10239 1/2 Vassar Avenue:

This is a carryover item to consider the design of a cell tower to be replaced just south of Devonshire Street, east of Topanga Canyon. An internet link to various styles provided by one manufacturer was provided to the committee for review prior to the meeting. Discussion about suitable styles, considering space limitations we have been told about in the site, width requirements required by the new installation, and aesthetic issues, including compatibility with the Specific Plan for Topanga Canyon were discussed.

Mary made a motion to approve an acceptable style for a cell telephone tower installation compatible with mission style specified in the Specific Plan for Devonshire. The clock tower options shown by their manufacturer seem to present the most pleasant view that would apparently meet with ATT's width requirements. This installation is not to exceed the presently permitted height of 45 feet. Jelena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

More Effective/Improved Communication of Projects to Neighbors:

How communicate with neighbors? Banners, flyers, using Chatsworth Patch email newspaper all were discussed. Saul offered that we could use Patch as editorial articles and therefore not need to deal with advertising. Future telephone directories, and label matrixes for the community could be used selectively and seemed to be viewed as the best option for targeted communication near any given project (which may be beyond usual required 500 feet – sometimes projects have direct effects on areas beyond 500 feet from a project). The postcards could link to a website area that may include additional information.

Also, the CNC website will be updated to make it more community oriented and have a lot more information on current events. Bumper stickers to promote interest in CNC were also discussed.

Public Comments:

Construction site just north of Walgreens, at De Soto; there is trash all over the front; there is no maintenance, there is a general rule that a project must be completed in 12 months. A comment was made that it is unfortunate but there is little enforcement of time completion rules for these projects. Vicki will followup with erik.richardson@lacity.org at Mitch Englander's office; who has been very effective with helping with other issues needing attention from Building and Safety.

Hidden Creeks; a new fault has been reviewed. Mormon Creek is a very unique area, as a perineal creek in the Santa Susana Mountains. Lacreekfreak.com; Jeff found a website that has a great deal of background on local creeks with a lot of authoritative and well researched literature on the subject.

Announcements:

None.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm