

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, Land Use Committee
Chatsworth Depot
Minutes April 19, 2012- Draft Minutes**

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Andre van der Valk, Linda van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Vicki Briskman, Jeff Hammond, Jim Van Gundy, Mary Kaufman

(Note: the Committee was reconstituted per the last Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Board Meeting).

Not here: Jelena Csyani (excused), Dan Huffman (excused)

Patch reporter is here.

Stakeholder and Public Comments

Teena commented that before Mitch Englander was elected, he had stated he would like to see a joint powers committee that helps make decisions about the Chatsworth Nature Preserve; SSMPA would like to see such a committee move forward, but recently has heard Mitch is no longer interested in having such a committee; will ask that this be considered at the next Land Use Meeting.

Legislative matters - Antonovich is in favor of development of Hidden Creeks; Englander seems to be on the fence between Porter Ranch and Chatsworth

Sierra Canyon – Variel and Rinaldi – intersection improvement not started, they have started Chatsworth Street improvements. Free Dirt signs nearby.

Minutes from February – Minutes approved as read.

Linda called for a vote to elect a new chair and requested that interested parties make their presence known; Vicki nominated Linda as upcoming Chair, Mary seconded; approved unanimously by the Board.

Mark Levinson and Larry Heller, stakeholders could not attend this evening; they requested to be brought in as stakeholder members on the Land Use Committee; Teena Takata was asked to be on the committee; Yvonne Savala requested to join the group. She is part of the pony farm relocating to Chatsworth; does accounting business management, rides horses; they want to be involved in the community. Janice Eddy-Languein would also like to be on the committee.

Mary moved to accept the 5 named stakeholders; Vicki seconded.

Vicki nominated Teena as Secretary of the Committee; requests were made to see if there were other interested parties, Mary seconded; approved unanimously.

Presentations and Possible Motions:

9229 Lurline; Time Warner Tower, managed by KGM wireless, AT&T to take over management. Goal is to swap out 12 existing 4 foot antennas; for new 12 antennas. 8 foot antennas new; adding a sector so need approval. Equipment in existing house. Tower does not change. AT&T removes much equipment on the tower. The tower is 201' is needed for a Time Warner application; a May 15 hearing is pending. They are adding a structure on the tower which is why they have to request approval. Andre commented one approach may be to take no position, to encourage a more moderate height. Andre moved to turn down the proposal because the tower at 200+ feet is simply too high. Jeff seconded the motion. This motion was withdrawn after discussion. City towers generally are approved in perpetuity; and the tower per se is not before us this evening. Vicki made a motion to approve the AT&T application, except the height of the tower seems excessive, and we would like to know why the 200 foot tower is necessary. However, we approve the stated application by AT&T for various uses under 80 feet in height on the tower. Mary seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Pony and Petting Farm - 21910 Chatsworth Street - Susan Reynolds

Susan was going to continue the Tampa Avenue Pony Farm, which she inherited from Linda Menerie, but had difficulties due to a sale of that land (with 10 days to vacate), multiple liens and other problems with that location. She has set up operations at 21910 Chatsworth Street. Farouk (the fairly recent owner of the land) also joined the meeting. Strictly pony ride and petting zoo; she brings animals to handicapped school, twice a year. She has an existing lease, but has been cited by the City with a requirement for a CUP. She has all animals vet checked every six months; parking lot there, many less animals than Linda had. Linda had 80 ponies; she has 10 ponies and 2 donkeys. Has to move off by June 1. Inspector has told her she must leave. Different lots. The west lot is tied to the other home on the property; she also has covered wagons and a parade wagon; some landscaping and fencing on the premises. Comment regarding the use not connected to a home. The west two lots are 21930; the next one tied 10 days ago. 21910 is not tied to 21930. There is a problem with lot tie due to lenders that are different. There is a way to tie the lots without dealing with the lender issues? The existing house should be rented; how many animals? 6 alpacas, 2 pigs, 2 donkey, 8 goats, 7 sheep, 1 emu (part of wild animal permit), 12/13 hens, 1 peacock, 3 geese, 3 ducks, 2 roosters (to be relocated), allowed 13 ponies & donkeys (combined), 20 goats.

Mark commented (via a submitted letter) that he is opposed due to operations without having a cup first; the location causes traffic crowding; roosters crow starting about 4am; Signs? None presently; not open for public use now. Prior use was Sat/Sun; she would like to be open weekends in summer. Comment that the lot is much cleaner now than it has been. What is zone;

its 2.42 acres; zone is RA-1; Francis Brown, neighbor questioned about how the process happened; Susan is working with a land use person called Rand. Dumpster on site, picked up twice a week. She did open for about ½ a day. Usually she takes animals to a site and she sometimes hosts. Vehicles come inside and do not drop children off on the street. Parking? About 25-26 parking on the untied lot. She has a lease on the two middle lots.

No roosters are to be part of the project; fencing quality and porosity was discussed. Maximum numbers. They have a caretaker at 21856; and the white home on the lot is being renovated. Their planned operating hours are Sat Sun 10 to 6; Holidays on Mondays similar hours. May have field trips.

Mary moved that we support them in their request for a cup for a pony ride and petting zoo; that a draft of conditions be provided to the committee for review prior to a final decision. Jim seconded the motion. Yvonne recused from vote, otherwise approved by the committee.

Aliso Canyon – Teena passed out the overview sheet from the recently published DEIR; public comment through May 22. She will go to one of the upcoming hearings (May 2 and 3 outlined on the notice), and will bring a comment letter to the next Land Use meeting for discussion and vote. Concern with size and impact of project.

Chime Charter – it is leased; a new tenant Monarch PK-8 school matches existing CUP requirements. Campus will be cleaned up; they may start with PK-4.

Chatsworth Hills academy – upcoming hearing on MND and CEQA findings; and to hear an appeal by local residents. Driveway footprint was to be the same. Letters to be submitted by May 1. Questions about the existing height of the building compared to the current elevation of the land.

Announcements:

Day of the Horse; 11-3 Sunday; Stoney Point

Monday April 24, 1130 to 130 DTSC is coming to CCC; Project Manager; Rockpointe Club house

May 19 State Park Open House – Trail Days 9 to 12

April 29 Garden Festival 11 to 3

June 2 Family festival – No Kiwanis, Dept Rec and Parks; Northridge Pk, 3-8; movies, Puss & Boots; Food Trucks - Northridge

May 19 - Corral 54 ride with Mitch Englander; 10am Canoga to Freeway

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm