

Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, Land Use Committee
Chatsworth Depot
Minutes September 20, 2012 - Draft Minutes

Linda van der Valk, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Judi Daniels, Teena Takata, Mark Levinson, Jim Van Gundy, Andre van der Valk, Linda van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Jelena Csanyi, Mary Kaufman, Larry Heller, Janice Eddy-Languen

Not here: Chuck Knolls (excused), Dan Huffman, Yvonne Savala, Jeff Hammond (excused)

We will elect a new stakeholder member to replace Yvonne at our next meeting; Linda will send her an email to let her know she is being removed com the committee.

Stakeholder and Public comments: Pioneer Day October 9; Monday at 11:30 Rockpointe, is the Chatsworth Coordinating Council; no program is set for this meeting. On September 29, Ride with Pride, concert in the Canyon – Daah Riders will perform at Ride with Pride. Congress of Neighborhood Councils meets on Saturday, downtown. Breakfast at 7:45, sessions afterwards.

Regarding Colmer property (new owner) – new owner does not seem to have any prior larger projects in their website. Judy would like to invite them to visit us to go over the project.

Approval of August 2012 minutes – approved with several corrections. The May 2012 minutes will be reviewed at our next meeting for approval.

Presentations: 20746 Dearborn (20730-20746) 3 contiguous lots, and also 20709 Dearborn (presently a parking lot/pallet storage lot). Family has owned property since 1968. Former medical pill company; 20709 functioned as additional parking for the 3 contiguous lots.

20's to 60's exotic automobile broker. There are 3 contiguous buildings, plus the parking lot on the north side, operate as one unit. 93000 square feet. He wants to use the front part of one building for restoration of exotic autos – the existing zone is MR2, true manufacturing, and automotive repair would not be allowed here. He wants 6700 square feet of one building for the exotic car repair and sale showroom; 4000 foot showroom, plus shop behind. Some metal fabrication, they don't paint or plate, nothing environmentally sensitive. No fiberglass work. What type of fuel to be stored? None except what is in the vehicle. They may also maintain race cars (Services for race cars includes delivery to track). They might have 3 or 4 gallons of special fuels. He deals with historic cars; they sell for .5M to 30M, Maserati, Porsche, Packard, Dusenber, mostly Ferrarris. 20746 is building C. They may end up asking for more space. This building is 24,980 square feet, their variance request is ZA 2012-02483. They have 5/6 employees. With a Dealers license, they need a sign visible from the street. Larry moved to approve this use as described. Jelena seconded. The motion approves this specific use. This approval is limited to use as a higher end automotive repair and rehabilitation operation is approved, not a general car repair business.

Tickets being Issued at Metro Station in Chatsworth.

Metro tickets are being issued to pedestrians and bikers using the Metro path. We have multiple signs limiting parking to only metro Riders – letter to Supervisor Antonovich is requested. Also community uses the train depot structures, for meetings and other purposes. Reportedly, tickets are no longer being written. These are ongoing issues with bikers, walkers, and users of the depot. Jelena voted a to write a letter, Mary seconded. A strong letter is to be written to oppose parking restrictions in our parking lot in Chatsworth. This is a community center so is used for multiple functions, and many do not use the metro link based on how the center is designed. Judy will write the letter.

DRB – is waiting for the building & safety people come and ticket for signs in the Specific Plan area along Devonshire. The Initial citation is about \$350, second citation if a failure to comply continues is closer to \$1000.

Board member comment – Michael from Brad Sherman’s office has commented that Hidden Creeks has to address an Army Core 404 permit. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. We need a public hearing and a DEIR on this request.

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm.