

Public Safety and Transportation (PS&T) Committee

Minutes for Tuesday, May. 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Chatsworth Train Depot, Hal Bernson Meeting Room, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road, Chatsworth

1. Call to order and roll call of committee members at 7:10pm
 - a. Chair: Lucie Volotzky
 - b. Vice Chair: Scott Munson
 - c. Secretary: Jesse Fuller
 - d. Attending: Rudy Schultz, Nick Montaña (arrived late), Matt Weintraub, Jesse Fuller, Jim Rahm, Mary Kauffman
 - e. Absent: Erik Pampalone
2. Stakeholder and Public Comment
 - a. Josef Matthew
 - i. St. Mary's Orthodox Christian Corporation
 1. Located at 10850 Topanga Canyon
 - ii. Community member is concerned that the church isn't following the building code
 1. They applied for a permit, but they were denied
 2. Head of the church is just going to go through with it anyway
 3. Email about it was received by Lucie
 - iii. City (Building and Safety) will come out to visit
 1. Notify them that they will have services on a certain date
 2. Fire Department will also go visit (but usually isn't)
 3. They already have a citation

New Business

1. Approval of the 04/15/14 PS&T Committee Minutes
 - a. Scott: Accepted Valley Alliance for CNC (Lucie) for continue to work with communities
 - b. Rudy approve as amended, Nick second
 - c. Yay: Rudy, Nick, Jesse, Scott, Mary
 - d. Abstain: Matt and Jim
2. Tim Torsney from LAPD Div. to propose a volunteer bike patrol to help to reduce local property crimes
 - a. Matt discussed with Tom Torsney and Sr. Lead officer Danny Del Valle
 - b. LAPD has an idea for a volunteer bike patrol
 - c. Utilizing the squad as a force multiplier to be a visible deterrents to property crime
 - d. Volunteers would have to pass a background check and a training
 - e. Group of 10-20
 - i. Deploy details of 6-8 with one officer as a group
 - ii. About high visibility patrol
 - iii. Not for confrontation
 - iv. Just for information relay
 - f. Opportunity to show community involvement

- g. Opportunity to give cyclists a better image
 - h. Opportunity to prevent property crime
 - i. Similar to VST
 - i. Eyes and ears
 - ii. No enforcement on their own
 - j. What would you bring up at the Rally
 - i. A table
 - ii. Hand out flyers
 - k. Equipment
 - i. Uniform would be likely
 - ii. Their own bicycle
 - l. Schedule
 - i. Would match the people's schedules
 - ii. Most likely daytime
 - m. VST
 - i. Volunteer Surveillance Team
 - ii. A person in their own vehicles
 - n. Examples
 - i. Use them at a mall parking lot
 - ii. Around schools
 - iii. In neighborhoods with burglaries
 - o. Would be their own neighborhood, volunteer
 - p. City liability
 - i. Insured as a volunteer
 - ii. Different for horses
 - 1. Mary is on the Foothill patrol
 - 2. Sunland park, Northridge Mall, Hansen Dam
 - q. Mary: Good idea to have it start here
 - r. Plan is to pitch it at the bike rally
 - i. Need a local recruiter
 - s. Might be a good thing to add as part of the tidbit
 - t. We do know a couple of folks who might be interested
 - u. Might be a good idea to bring back up to see if we can help pay for some of the equipment/uniforms
3. Discussion of what to do with meeting recordings (Request by Vicki Briskman)
 - a. The previous secretary recorded the meeting for her own use
 - b. Jesse has not recorded the meeting
 - c. We do not send them to DONE and have not decided to record the meetings
 - d. The Sept 2013 meeting has been recorded by Clara (not by the secretary nor the PS&T committee)
 - e. Various people have recorded the meeting in the past
 - f. Clara sent the recording of the Sep 2013 meeting to DONE 9/26/2013
 4. Discussion how the minutes to be written
 - a. At the retreat, someone had a problem that the minutes were not detailed enough

- b. They wanted more specifics on why things were voted as they were so they could have a better record
 - c. Suggested that we record as much dialog as possible
 - d. There is a disagreement as to how much should be recorded
 - e. The goal was that if the motion is brought to the board, the board wants to know what was discussed
 - f. Scott doesn't look at other committees minutes
 - g. Tabled for next time
3. Lucie is doing a class June 28th on CPR, First Aid, AED
- a. There is no budget
 - b. She is worried about getting paid
 - c. Give your packets back to

Old Business

4. Painting the curb red at the entrance to the Santa Susana Historic Park
5. Concern about speed De Soto and Chatsworth
- a. Mary spoke with Ken Faroozmond many times
 - i. He thinks we are worried about the traffic headed south from the 118 freeway to Rinaldi, but we are more concerned with people headed south from Rinaldi to Chatsworth
 - b. What is the speed limit
 - i. 40? 45?
 - c. Truck driver died in an accident with an armored truck
 - d. Lots of accidents
 - e. LADOT is investigating it
 - f. Mason solutions
 - i. Speed board
 - ii. Crossing with flashing lights
6. Committee member comments and adjournment
- a. Nick
 - i. Flagging issue with the billboards (where the billboard material blows off)
 - 1. Los Toros has another incident where the billboard was flagging
 - 2. Devonshire and Topanga was flagging
 - 3. Mitch called Nick to see if he could look at it
 - a. Nick called Clear Channel
 - i. They fixed the one on Topanga
 - ii. They said it was too windy above Los Toros to do anything
 - iii. Called 911, fire department wasn't able to anything
 - b. Nick is working with BID to get the Chatsworth billboards down
 - i. Every one near the powerlines
 - 4. Who permits these?
 - a. LA City
 - 5. Renew Contracts automatically for 10 years

6. Variel/Devonshire has similar issues
 7. Chatsworth, you can't have a banner
 8. Not very many of them
 9. Are there high wind issues
 10. Sounds like a public nuisance
- b. Scott
- i. Budget Form
 1. Rudy will take over and work with Clara on it
 - ii. Contact List
 1. Jesse will update
 - iii. Sierra Canyon Sidewalk
 1. Update on the bollards
 2. Mary: Can you call about horses
 3. Matt: Can you call about bikes
- c. Lucie
- i. Conversational Councils
 1. Mitch – Thursday June 5th
 2. 4-6pm
 3. About Building and Safety and Traffic
 4. Register By June 2nd
 5. 19900 Plummer Street
 6. Ron Rubin
 - a. Ron.rubine@lacity.org
 - ii. Brought some FEMA and other emergency information
 - iii. 50 year shelf life can product
- d. Jesse
- e. Mary
- i. Sunday Morning, June 8th
 - ii. Volunteers
 1. Check in
 2. Bibs
 3. Food
 - iii. Discussed Route
 - iv. Day of the house
 1. Good times, a little hot
 2. Served Robecks Juice at the CNC booth
- f. Jim
- i. The Devonshire Division break room looks great
- g. Motion to adjourn
- i. Moved: Lucie
 - ii. Seconded: Scott
 - iii. Unanimously approved
 - iv. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm