



CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 09/04/2019

1. Welcome, Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and approval of minutes from June 5th, and August 7th 2019.

- Roll Call

- Present: Jeff Hammond, Vicki Briskman, Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, Dorothy Allison, Cher Bentley, Steve Columbus, Mark Cox, Daniel Huffman, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Jeff Mackie, Marina Mackie, Nick Montano, Rudy Schultz, Summer Walters, Matt Weintraub

- Absent: Andre van der Valk, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy

- Arrived late (missed votes): Lucie Volotzky

- Left early: Tracey Pomerance-Poirier

- Correct Dan's last name from June minutes. Passed with correction.

- August minutes – passed.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:** All listed motions include discussion, possible action, Community Impact Statements and NPGs.

3. Presidents Report:

B. The current CNC Secretary has resigned the position. There will be an election to fill the office.

- Jeff thanks Tracey for a job well-done. Asks if there are any nominations for a new Secretary.

Dan nominates Cher Bentley. Second by Vicki. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurers Report:

A. Financial Report: To approve of the July 2019 MERs.

Yes: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Summer

Ineligible: Matt

PASSED

(To view the MER online, visit <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html> and select Chatsworth Neighborhood Council from the drop-down menu, and then click on MER

5: Standing Committees

A. Enrichment: Committee report

1 - Motion: To approve up to \$1,500 for an advertising package for the North Valley YMCA Thanksgiving Baskets Program.

- Jane Stanton spoke 3600 baskets, \$49k raised. Turkeys, gift cards, produce, canned goods (donated and purchased) - Works with 55 school principals (who know their community/families), families that request help from the Y, scholarship families. Also, looking for volunteers. Delivers to Sylmar to Chatsworth and everything in between. Works with Walmart for pricing.

Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Summer, Matt (Mark had stepped away just before vote)

MOTION PASSED

2 - Motion: To approve up to \$1,000 for an advertising package for the North Valley YMCA's Kids to Camp program. This program will subsidize underprivileged children and children with kidney transplants and diseases, and give them the opportunity to attend camp.

- Jane Stanton speaks. Goes to scholarships for various camps throughout the year.

March - Family camp, Camp Surf in San Diego, Mammoth (½ are kidney kids and rest jr. high students.....kidney kids have had some complications so this gives them the opportunity to be normal kids). Gives about \$50k out for scholarships for camp.

Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Matt (Summer had stepped away just before vote)

MOTION PASSED

3 - Adopt a City Inc. is the 501 C3 that preforms homeless outreach and is requesting a NPG in the amount of \$2,500.00. This money will be used to purchase food to feed the homeless at the Freedom Church, Chatsworth facility, at 9200 Owensmouth Ave. These events take place each Saturday.

- Richard Rodriguez from Freedom Church spoke: money will go towards hot meals, hot showers,. Funds would help for the remainder of the year.

Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt

MOTION PASSED

B. Land Use: Committee report.

1 - Motion: To support the requested CUB for the Grocery Outlet at the newly constructed center, Gateway at Lassen, 9805 Mason Ave. A CUB (conditional use beverage) is for the sale of alcohol. A stipulation has been added that in the event a recycling center is mandated by the State that design and location shall come to the land use committee for review.

- All in favor (Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt)

MOTION PASSED

2 - Motion: To support the project at 9505 De Soto Avenue for the construction of a new 3,337 sq.ft. 26'2" car wash building, 432 sq.ft. 15'10" pay station canopy, at 854 sq.ft. and 966 sq.ft. 11' vacuum canopies with 11 parking spaces. CUP to permit an automotive use with deviations from 12.22-A 28 including 5% transparent windows on the south façade in lieu of

otherwise required 50%. Hours of 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM daily and reduced landscape buffer of 3' along De Soto and adjacent corner. A waiver of a 5-foot highway dedication on De Soto Avenue is also requested.

- In favor: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt

- Oppose: Sheldon

MOTION PASSED

C. Public Safety and Transportation: Committee report. – NONE

D. Homeless Awareness Committee: Committee report. - NONE

E. Equestrian: Committee report.

- The next 'Day of the Horse' will be held on March 29, 2020 at Stoney Point Ranch and Riding.

F. Beautification: Committee report.

1 - Motion: To approve up to \$1,100 (\$275 X 4 months) for watering the trees on Mason Avenue from Devonshire headed north to the 118 freeway, both sides of the street.

- Question about how the water reaches the roots. Some have sieves to reach roots, some don't. Trees are very drought resistant.

Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt

MOTION PASSED

2 - Motion: To approve \$1,000 for Canoga/Devonshire planter maintenance.

Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt

MOTION PASSED

G. No 'G' listed on agenda.

H. Outreach: Committee report.

1 - Motion: To spend up to \$500 for an advertising package for the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Breakfast to be held at Porter Valley Country Club, October 18th, 7 am to 9 am.

No questions.

Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Summer, Matt

Recuse - Vicki, Nick, Lucie

MOTION PASSED

- 2- Motion: To spend up to \$2,000 on an advertising package for the Chatsworth Holiday Parade.
Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Marina, Nick, Tracey, Rudy,
Lucie, Summer, Matt
Recuse: Jeff Mackie
MOTION PASSED
- 3 - Motion: To spend up to \$300 on printing of Neighborhood Council informational material.
Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey,
Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt
MOTION PASSED
- 4 - Motion: To spend up to \$500 on Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council events.
Helps community by strengthening the councils. Education for the Councils.
Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey,
Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt
MOTION PASSED
- 5 - Motion: To contribute to the 2019 Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$500.00 for
this year's Congress will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019. All contributing NCs
will be listed in the program and on the Congress website.
Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey,
Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt
MOTION PASSED
- 6 - Motion: To spend up to \$100 on magnetic name tags for new board members.
Y - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey,
Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt
MOTION PASSED
- 7 - Motion: To spend up to \$300 on new shirts for board members.
Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey,
Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt
MOTION PASSED
- 8 - Motion: To approve the 2020 Chatsworth Orange Line Tour budget to spend up to \$7,105.
Yes - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey,
Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt
MOTION PASSED
- 9 - Motion: To spend up to \$1,000 on sound equipment to be used at CNC events.
Y - Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Mark, Jeff H., Dan, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Nick, Tracey,
Rudy, Lucie, Summer, Matt
MOTION PASSED

I. Selection Committee: Committee report.

Committee met and reviewed the Selection rules and dates. In addition, an Outreach plan is being formulated.

3. Presidents Report:

A. Presidents motion to approve and send a letter, a copy will be available at the meeting, protesting the location of the proposed homeless and chronic homeless housing development at 10243 Topanga Canyon Blvd., in Chatsworth. To be clear the location is under protest not the type of project. - LETTER PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

- John Lee speaks. Opposes the project location for housing. Here to listen to people's concerns.
- Majority of room opposes location. About 10 people are in support. Jeff Hammond reads letter written from Board to oppose project location.
- Dan Huffman is helping to look for an appropriate location.
- Bill Pitkin speaks In Favor of housing
- Corinne Ho - In favor of the housing, Canoga Park NC.
- Kathy Huck - Pastor and Chaplin in Chatsworth, in favor of the project. Homeless are senior citizens, kids aging out of foster care, can't afford rent. Kathy lives in Simi.
- Bill Freeman - Pastor of Congregational Church of Chatsworth - IF not at this location, then where?
- Deb Summerling - lived here 21 years. Asking who the developers are? What is the "hidden" "project list" that the city has?
- John Lee responds to Deb: Company is called Affirmed Housing, out of San Diego, and they have the list for this project.
- Was there competitive bidding? Developer driven-pay-to-play.
- Michael Irving, Chatsworth Resident - Does not want to be guiled into accepting a building. Wants housing, but not in the proposed location and wants these locations to offer actual help and guidance to help them support themselves.
- Person in crowd asked where the other locations are?
- Susan Ojeda asks that everyone write their councilman opposing this location.
- Judy Daniel - Asks John Lee to explain to us the procedure is for housing projects if there is any place for project input or are they fast-tracked without community input?
- John Lee - Laws in place to fast-track supportive housing, which is usually a good thing. They argue that state laws supercede our local/city laws so that they can build without approval.
- R Grace Rodriguez - Who would own the property? The residents? The developers?
- John Lee would like to use the HHH money for prefab housing, which is so much less expensive. This is not just a housing issue, but also addiction and mental illness. Hoping to have identified some project space by early 2020.

6. Public comments/Announcements /- max. 2 minutes per item

Fred Mariscal - Census Bureau - First time we can respond online (phone/computer), call toll free number or request the physical form. They do the census every 10 years to reapportion Congressional Seats. Fed Gov't distributes \$175k billion in Fed funds based on census. Census Bureau is hiring. Apply online for job: 2020census.gov/jobs. Temp jobs/part time - 2 rqmts: U.S. citizen/18 years and up. Will be doing their own homeless count. LA County is the hardest to count in U.S.

- Vicki: What are they asking in the census? Fred: name, address, race, age, who you live with (no other personal information).

Alin Sahagin - Neighborhood Prosecutor from LA City Attorney's office (Mike Feuer) - She addresses all issues within Devonshire Division and has a desk at Devonshire. School safety prosecutor also.....quality of life school safety concerns (trespasser, drug related nuisance); works nuisance abatement unit (vice problem, she shuts it down). Addressing letter sent to Feuer's office sent back in June. Prosecuted the individual who started trouble at Dorose and the one from Chatsworth Library regarding the LGBTQ hate speech and disruption.....working closely with library and Jan Metzler. Chatsworth train station has been her public safety project.....got LED lighting at the train station; graffiti and tables have been removed due to nuisance activity, prosecuted individuals at the railroad tracks due to homeless encampments. City Attorney's office is prosecuting AND outreach. alin.sahagian@liacty.org

Mark Lauterman - Started LGBTQ talk and is insistent that schools are promoting it as part of their agenda. Was asked to leave after second time of bringing up LGBTQ in a negative manner.

Mickie Loi - Devonshire PD Volunteer - advised of upcoming Basic Car 17A81 meeting at The Garden Church, 20745 Nordhoff St, Chatsworth at 7p. Topic will be opioids and fentanyl. Also announced an "All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner" at St. Nicholas Greek Church on October 11 from 5 – 8p for \$10/person. Proceeds will be used to purchase "non city" supplied equipment for our officers to better service our Community and to promote Community policing.

Danni from Assemblywoman Christy Smith's office - AB853 college affordability, AB 1066 expansion of homeowners, AB1336 child health and safety fund.....all her bills passed. Future town halls. Looking for community partnerships.

Tara Viddoni - works for LAUSD Board member Scott Schmerelson. Touchpoint with the Community and will try to make every meeting. Advised of fireworks for homecoming at Chatsworth for homecoming game on 9/13. Also starting new STEAM program at Chatsworth High.

Dan Huffman - public comment – For those that want to know what's going on at Hooper Camera it's being turned into a dentist office.

7. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.) Report by Jose Galdamez.

Jose Galdamez announces that Raquel Beltran will be the new GM for Empower LA, replacing Gracie Liu. Jose will send Jeff the Selection 2020 worksheet.

8. Budget Representatives – Budget Advocates.

Glenn Bailey - budget advocate - sent board an email on 7/23 with update after annual budget date. All info from meeting posted to budget website. ncbala.com
Glenn is on committees for Police Dept, Recreation and parks, Street Services bureau (StreetsLA), Transportation dept. Any questions how money is spent in la, especially re: these

areas, please contact Glenn Bailey

9. LAPD officer report – (upon arrival) – NO SHOW

10. Adjournment (at approximately 9p)

NOTE: Agenda addressed out of order to allow for extra time regarding the proposed housing project on Topanga. Minutes reflect correct order.