

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council**  
**Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee**  
**July 17, 2012 Minutes**

Item 1 – Scott Munson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM at the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road in Chatsworth.

Roll was taken. Council Committee Members present were Diana Dixon-Davis, Carol Lucas, Scott Munson, Erik Pampalone and Matt Weintraub. Mary Kaufman and Lucie Volotsky were absent. Stakeholder member Clara Woll was present. Michele DeGaetano was absent. There was a quorum. Stakeholders in attendance included Jesse and Helen. Frank arrived at 7:35 PM.

Item 2 – Stakeholder comments: Diana mentioned that there has been some funding set aside by the school district for the “By the Bell” program.

**New Business:**

3. Scott moved to approve the June 19, 2012 committee minutes and Erik seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Jesse told the committee about himself and his interest in being on the Public Safety and Transportation Committee. Scott nominated Jesse to be a Stakeholder Member of the committee and Matt seconded the motion. Jesse Fuller was unanimously elected to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
5. Erik had prepared draft letters to the City regarding the traffic and safety issues on Chatsworth Street raised by Frank at the last meeting. A letter relating to enforcement of weight, stop signs, and speed limits was drafted for LAPD Traffic Enforcement. A second letter was drafted for LADOT regarding the possible need for additional crosswalk markings and signage at Brown’s Creek Wash on Chatsworth Street. Scott moved to approve sending both letters and Clara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. Scott moved to approve sending the letter Matt drafted regarding the damaged oak tree at the corner of Owensmouth and Devonshire Street. Erik seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
8. There was a discussion of the “Mobility Element” survey requested by the Planning Department. They wish to have everything turned in by September first. Carol and Helen turned in their surveys. Carol mentioned using a “people” bus where a parent agrees to walk with a group of neighborhood students to school. Jesse also mentioned that a “bike train” is being used in some areas. Scott requested that everyone try to complete the survey and bring them to the August meeting.
9. Scott suggested drafting a letter to DWP requesting information about the cost of rooftop solar programs vs. the cost of DWP constructed solar farms. He volunteered to draft the letter. Diana said she will also look into the million roof program and provide information to the committee. Erik moved that Scott draft and send a letter and Clara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
10. No one attended the meeting to present information about the Animal Reserve Officer Program, so this item was tabled.
11. Scott mentioned that DOT has installed the right turn arrow for vehicles turning right from Mason onto eastbound Rinaldi when the left turn arrow is lighted. This was in response to a letter that the committee had sent to DOT in 2009. However, they have a red left turn arrow on Rinaldi for traffic

turning onto Mason southbound. Scott suggested writing a letter to DOT asking if that arrow is necessary. Matt moved that Scott draft and send a letter to DOT asking why a red left turn arrow is required on Rinaldi at Mason and Carol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. There was a discussion of the budget for the whole CNC and PS&T. Diana mentioned that the “walking school bus” might be an item to support. Clara mentioned that CERT is allowing groups to set up CERT classes during the day, but the Fire Department is coordinating all evening and weekend classes. Clara said the Library is interested in hosting a class. She would like to try a daytime class at the Library. Jesse mentioned that the City of Burbank conducts a bicycle safety class. Jesse would like to check on the possibility of having a similar class here. Matt mentioned a bicycle ride to showcase the new Orange Line Bike Route. It was agreed that everyone would look into items for the budget so that it can be finalized by September.

12. Action Items were not discussed due to the length of the meeting.

13. Committee member comments:

- Scott mentioned that he had received a response from the DOT – Bicycle Group saying that they are looking for funding to repair and resurface the bicycle path along Brown’s Creek Wash.
- Jesse said that he noticed that the City has new signs up giving directions for riders to go from the Orange Line Bike Lane to the Brown’s Creek Bike Path.
- Diana mentioned that there had been a power outage and that this reminded her that everyone should check their emergency supplies, including having fresh batteries for radios.
- Carol noted that there is a lot of small graffiti on light poles and other things. Graffiti has been called in by both Carol and Erik and it has not been removed. Carol suggested keeping a log of when and where it is reported. Scott suggested that PS&T may want to prepare a letter regarding the graffiti. Erik pointed out that there is an e-mail address. It is [anti-graffiti.lacity.org](mailto:anti-graffiti.lacity.org).
- Carol mentioned that an expensive bike was taken off the bike rack on the front of a bus and a DWP employee saw it happen and managed to stop and hold the thief.
- Clara mentioned that a new trash can has been placed in front of the Chatsworth Library, but it doesn’t appear to be being dumped. Erik offered to see if he could get it dumped.
- Matt suggested doing a bike rally.
- Erik mentioned that there is an Art Walk on the west end of Devonshire Street on the last Friday of the month from 5:30PM to 9:00 PM. The next ones are scheduled for July 27 and August 31.
- Erik also shared the mock-up of the new CNC web-site with the committee.

14. Erik moved to adjourn and Scott seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.