

Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee
August 21, 2012 Minutes

Item 1 – Matt Weintraub, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM at the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road in Chatsworth.

Roll was taken. Council Committee Members present were Diana Dixon-Davis, Mary Kaufman, Erik Pampalone, Lucie Volotsky and Matt Weintraub. Carol Lucas and Scott Munson were absent. Stakeholder members Michele DeGaetano, Jesse Fuller and Clara Woll were present. There was a quorum. Stakeholders in attendance included Charlene, Tana, Jan, Diane and Helen. Paul arrived at 9:40 PM. CNC Board Member Linda van der Valk was also in attendance.

Item 2 – Stakeholder comments: Helen mentioned that the City has graded her street and is going to resurface it. Clara said they are resurfacing her street and two adjoining streets and that it appears that several streets off Owensmouth between Chatsworth and Devonshire have also been resurfaced. Jesse mentioned that he lives in that area and unfortunately Jordan was not being done.

- Linda had two issues. The first is a concern about the number of company trucks and vans being parked along Devonshire and Mason adjacent to the Von's Shopping Center. She had called Scott about it and was told that PS&T had looked into restricted parking for that area several years ago. The committee had learned that DOT requires that a petition with at least 50% of the businesses and/or residents signing was required to make a change. No one on the committee had felt that they had the time to pursue the petition, so the item had been dropped. Linda said that she had brought the issue to Councilman Englander's office and was working on the issue with Jim Dellinger of the Councilman's office.

- Linda's second concern was that she felt that several of the letters that had been sent out by the committee had overstepped the limits appropriate for a committee and should have gone to the full CNC board. There was a discussion about what was acceptable to be sent out as a committee letter and what should go to the full CNC board.

- Mary said she would like to see a three-way stop at Independence and Chatsworth Street. Matt suggested placing this on the next PS&T agenda.

- Charlene mentioned that she has problems getting out of the alley at Vintage and De Soto Avenue. She indicated that part of the problem is that students from Chatsworth High School are being dropped off or walking by there without paying attention to the traffic in the alley. The committee will place this issue on next committee agenda.

Item 3. Charlene gave a short fire safety and personal security presentation. She mentioned that she hopes to open a branch office of U.S. Safety in Chatsworth in the next few months.

New Business:

Item 4. Jesse noted that his name was misspelled in the draft minutes. Clara will make the correction. **Erik moved to approve the corrected July 17, 2012 committee minutes and Jesse seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved (8 votes in favor).**

Item 5. Charlene expressed some interest in being on the Public Safety and Transportation Committee. However, when she was advised that the meetings may go as late as 10:00 pm she felt that she would probably need to be home with her children before that.

Item 6. Tana of a non-profit called Youth Educational Sports, Inc provided fliers and responded to questions about the Saturday, October 20, 2012 Orange-A-Thon Walk/Ride event. There was a concern

that adults could only participate if they accompanied a child. Tana said that she would change it so adults could participate, but that her focus was on the participation of children. Voting on all funding matters was postponed until the Item 12 budget discussion.

Item 7. Lucie explained that she wants to do an emergency preparedness booth at the Chatsworth /Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce Family Festival on September 15, 2012. She said that there are six schools are participating, as well as the Red Cross. She also said there will be a blood drive conducted by Providence Hospitals. There was a discussion about what funding was needed. Lucie wants to have a table, plus \$80 for printing and enough funding to buy several emergency kits which she will raffle off to people who provide their name and contact information. It was suggested that PS&T contribute \$150 for the table, and Outreach contribute \$200 for the advertising and canopy.

8. Clara explained that the Fire Department is now arranging all evening and week-end Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes. However, they are willing to consider daytime classes. The Chatsworth Library has expressed an interest in having a class there. Clara said that in May, 2011 CNC paid \$41.90 for printing and \$165 for refreshments for a total of \$206.90 to sponsor a CERT class. She suggested \$75 for printing and \$225 for refreshments for a total of \$300 to sponsor a CERT class this Fiscal Year.

9. Erik explained that Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) raises funds for LAPD Devonshire Division and that they requested \$3,400 from CNC this year for a specific project. Clara pointed out that DONE will not pay for projects after they have been completed and much of the Roll Call Room remodel has already been done. Erik suggested that the committee determine how much they want to spend on LAPD and earmark those funds in the committee budget.

Item 10 and 11 were held until Scott is in attendance.

Item 12. The discussion of the committee budget began with Matt indicating that he hoped to have CNC sponsor a bike rally to be held in conjunction with the City's Bike to Work Day in May. It was agreed that anticipated items/events could be included in the budget discussion even though they were not specifically on the agenda. However, only the items on the current agenda would be considered as motions to be sent forward to the full CNC board in September.

- Mary asked if the funding for the Animal Services Reserve Officer Program listed as Item 13 should also be included in the budget discussion. Clara agreed that this should be considered in the budget. However, she said that Paul Darrigo, who requested that this be placed on the agenda, had said he would be late to the meeting. Mary wondered if it might be a better use of funds to pay for training of people who volunteer to evacuate livestock during fires.

- Linda asked if the horse corral had been completed at the Animal Shelter on Plummer Street. The Committee did not think that it had.

- Erik volunteered to write the items to be considered on the black board, while Jesse created a computer spread sheet. Erik listed all the items on the black board with suggested amounts.

Item 13. Paul arrived as the list was being completed. He gave a presentation on the Animal Services Reserve Officer program. He said that 21 Neighborhood Councils have contributed to this program. A class was conducted in September of 2011 in which 11 Reserve Officers graduated. He indicated that DONE has allowed him to use interdepartmental transfers to move funds from Neighborhood Councils to Animal Services.

Item 12 (Continued). There was a discussion of the items listed and the amounts considered appropriate. **The unanimously approved budget included: \$450 for the Fire Department, \$0 for the October 6, 2012 Emergency Preparedness Fair, \$100 for the Orange-A-Thon Walk/Ride, \$350**

for an emergency preparedness booth at the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce Family Festival on September 15, 2012, \$300 for CERT, \$450 for LAPD, \$500 for a CNC sponsored Bike Rally, \$250 for the Reserve Animal Services Officer training, \$590 for a contingency fund, \$500 for the Volunteer Surveillance Team, \$100 for printing, and \$250 for the Chatsworth Neighborhood Watch. The total PS&T budget allocated is \$3840. Jesse moved approval of the budget as listed, Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (6 votes in favor). (Lucie and Michele had to leave prior to the vote.) The motions to go to the CNC board for approval include: a) approve up to \$350 for a CNC sponsored emergency preparedness booth at the September 15, 2012 Chatsworth-Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce Family Festival, b) approve up to \$100 for the Orange-A-Thon Walk-Ride, c) approve up to \$300 to sponsor a CERT class in Chatsworth, and d) approve up to \$250 towards Reserve Animal Services Officer training.

Item 14. Erik and Jesse turned in their completed "Mobility Element" surveys.

Item 15. Action Items were not discussed due to the length of the meeting.

Item 16. No committee member comments were made due to the length of the meeting. **Erik moved to adjourn and Mary seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.