

**Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC)  
Public Safety & Transportation (PS&T) Committee  
September 18, 2012 Minutes**

Item 1 – Scott Munson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road in Chatsworth.

Roll was taken. Council Committee Members present were Diana Dixon-Davis (7:15), Mary Kaufman, Scott Munson, Erik Pampalone (7:10), and Matt Weintraub. Carol Lucas and Lucie Volotsky were absent. Stakeholder members Michele DeGaetano, Jesse Fuller and Clara Woll were present. There was a quorum. Stakeholders in attendance included Dean, Diane, Helen, Jim and Wes. CNC Board Members Vicki Briskman, Judi Daniels, and Linda and Andre van der Valk were also in attendance.

Item 2 – Stakeholder comments:

- Helen asked about the “Poor” or D rating of a street in her area.
- Wes indicated that he is a Porter Ranch resident, but wanted to bring to our attention concerns about what he believes are potential safety hazards and fire risk to our communities from the proposed Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon facility expansion. Wes would like to have an independent third party review the safety procedures and conduct a thorough inspection of the facility. The findings of the third party expert should then be enforced by the Public Utilities Commission. He also believes that the safety requirements should be available on-line for citizens to review.
- Dean was in attendance to discuss Item 5. Scott suggested moving the item up for discussion. Dean is concerned about the volume and speed of traffic on Oakdale between Lassen and Plummer. He said that he had requested speed bumps, but was told that was not an option since Oakdale is considered a primary road for fire trucks. He suggested a four-way stop at Oakdale and Superior. Scott suggested that Dean make a list of his concerns and suggestions and that this topic be placed on the next PS&T agenda.

**New Business:**

**Item 3. Matt moved approval of the August 21, 2012 Committee minutes and Mary seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved (8 votes in favor).**

Item 4. Scott introduced Jim Rahm. Jim told about himself and expressed an interest in joining the Committee. **Matt moved and Scott seconded a motion to elect Jim as a Stakeholder Member of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee. Jim Rahm was unanimously elected to the Committee (8 votes in favor).**

Item 6. There was a discussion of the protocol for sending letters through the Committee with the Committee Chair's signature vs. when letters need to go through the full CNC Board for the CNC President's signature. The Committee made no changes to its policy of sending letters requesting information. However, they agreed that letters should not suggest solutions.

**Item 7. Erik moved to approve up to \$100 for PS&T Committee printing. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 8. Matt said that he and Jesse would like to co-chair a bicycle rally to be sponsored by CNC. They plan to hold the rally on May 19, which is the weekend following Metro's “Ride to Work Week”. He thinks they will need \$500 for things like printing and advertising. They plan to call the rally the “Chatsworth Orange Line Tour” (COLT). **Erik moved to approve up to \$500 for a CNC sponsored**

**bicycle rally. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).**

Item 9. Erik provided copies of a draft letter he has prepared. There was a discussion about possible changes to Devonshire Street between Topanga Canyon and Mason. Scott asked that Erik incorporate into the letter some of the Committee's suggestions and bring a revised draft back to the next PS&T meeting.

Item 10. There was a discussion of the stop sign vs. a possible yield sign at 9723 Baden. Scott left it up to Matt to decide if he wished to place a draft letter on the next Committee meeting agenda.

Item 11. Mary had prepared a draft letter asking about the feasibility of a three-way stop at Independence and Chatsworth Street. There were several alternative suggestions made. Mary will check on some of the suggestions prior to the next PS&T meeting. Action on this item will be postponed until additional information is gathered.

Item 12. The draft letter regarding the intersection of Vintage and DeSoto was tabled until the interested stakeholder can attend.

### **Old Business:**

Item 13. Scott read a draft letter to the City asking about the type and cost of various street lights being used in Chatsworth. **Matt moved to approve sending a letter to the City asking for information about street lighting. Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved ( 9 votes in favor).**

Item 14. Clara read a draft letter to City Recreation and Parks asking if the plans for Stoney Point Park and Stoney Point Ranch include parking, what the access would be for the parking, and what the time frame is for this project. **Scott moved and Jesse seconded a motion to send a letter asking about future plans for Stoney Point Park and Stoney Point Ranch. The motion was unanimously approved (9 votes in favor).** Scott suggested sending a cc to the appropriate Assembly Member in addition to Mitchell Englander.

Item 15. It was noted that the CNC Board approved \$200 rather than \$350 for the September 15 Family Festival from PS&T, since the Outreach Committee was paying for the booth and advertising. In addition, there was a CNC motion to take \$50 from each Committee for Thanksgiving baskets being distributed by the YMCA. This means the Committee now has \$690 available from the \$3,840 Committee budget for future allocation.

Item 16. Jesse, Diana and Clara agreed to help staff a CNC table for the Orange-A-Thon Walk/Ride event on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

Item 17. Scott reviewed the Open Action Item List. Clara will make revisions as directed by the Committee.

Item 18. Michele mentioned that the Holiday Toy and Light Train will be doing a practice run to Chatsworth in November. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.