



CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/06/2019

1. Welcome, Call to order (time: 6:30p) Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and approval of minutes from October 2, 2019 CNC Board Meeting.

- Roll Call:

Present: Jeff Hammond, Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Steve Columbus, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Jeff Mackie, Marina Mackie Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky

Absent: Shekhar Chikhalikar, Mark Cox, Daniel Huffman, Nick Montano, Matt Weintraub

Late: Cher Bentley, Summer Walters

October Minutes: passed unanimously

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

3. Presidents Report:

A. There is no scheduled presentation by the applicant concerning the Topanga Project 10243 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd at the time of posting. There will be a general open public discussion of the project due to community interest and recent budget approvals by L.A. City Council. The meeting maybe moved to the Auditorium due to the size of attendees.

4. Treasurers Report:

A. Financial Report: To approve of the September 2019 MER.

For: Dorothy, Kamesh, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Against:

Abstain:

(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.

B. Motion: To approve the emergency expenditures for the Saddle Ridge fire, 10.11.19: Lowe's \$27.50 goggles, \$61.17 gloves, Smart & Final \$352.48 – water and snacks for LAPD

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Against:

Abstain:

Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

C. Motion: To approve a Board member, Vicki Briskman, reimbursement of \$379.98; Lowe's \$27.50 goggles, \$61.17 gloves. Smart & Final \$352.48 - snacks & water, for the LAPD during the Saddle Ridge Fire.

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Against:

Abstain:

Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

5. Standing Committees:

A.Enrichment: Committee report

1. Motion: To approve an NPG up to \$1,500 for the Kiko Garcia Sports Training Foundation. The funds will go towards needed tools and funding of homeless gift cards for the Chatsworth community cleanups. - Kiko speaks about his foundation. Creates jobs for the homeless in Chatsworth. Going to purchase a powerwasher with the NPG money to wash the sidewalks and trash cans on Devonshire. Employs two people on Tuesday mornings from 9 - 11a.

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie

Against:

Abstain: Summer

Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

2. Motion: To approve an NPG up to \$300 for Chatsworth Fine Arts Council. This money will be used to assist with the expenses of the 2020 Annual Depot Art Show on May 16, 2020. - Bob Kent speaks. Goal is to make Chatsworth an art center. They have 3 annual shows: Depot on Saturday, West End art walk, Art & crafts show. Money will be used for security, tents, employ help for setup, etc.

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Against:

Abstain:

Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

3. Motion: To approve a NPG up to \$1,000 for Chatsworth Fine Arts Council. This money will be used to assist with the expenses of the 2020 West End Art Walk, held June 14, 2020.

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer
Against: Marina
Abstain:
Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

4. Motion: To approve a NPG up to \$200 for Chatsworth Fine Arts Council. This money will be used to assist with the expenses of the 2020 Arts & Craft Show, held November 14, 2019.

Motion to amend agenda motion to November 9, 2019 not 11/14/19

All in Favor: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

Motion for NPG -

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Against: Marina

Abstain:

Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

B. Land Use: Committee report.

Linda Speaks: Reports that LA may allow up to 2 ADUs on property now with no parking restrictions. NO setback restrictions. Concerned about the equestrian properties being affected. Nobody seems to know how they will be affected.

C. Public Safety & Transportation: Committee report.

Plans to widen Mason by Mason Park being discussed by PS&T.

D. Equestrian: Committee report.

Discussed the help of evacuating the horses in the fire areas over the last few weeks. Talked about horse owners training horses to get into trailers, because many would not do it during the evacs. They need to be taught. Looking to find a single point of communication for the equestrian community on where to take horses.

E. Beautification: Committee report.

None

F. Outreach: Committee report.

None

G. Selection Committee: Committee report.

1. Motion: To approve the CNC's 2020 Selection Manual.

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Marina, Tracey, Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Against:
Abstain:
Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

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

Public comment regarding Topanga development:

Andre van der Valk speaks and reminds everyone that CNC has already voted against this location.

John Lee speaks - disappointed that affirmed housing didn't accept CNC invite to tonight's meeting. Correction, they accepted then rescinded. John grew up here. He agrees this is not the best site. Problem is that it's zoned commercial. Chatsworth and CD12 needs to be part of solution, but we don't agree with this location. He has proposed other location and is going to continue to try to make sure that project is to be built elsewhere, where it makes sense.

Jarrold Degonia - Barger is supportive of John Lee's efforts.

Vicki Briskman- spoke with Senator Stern and he is supportive of John Lee's efforts.

Linda van der Valk – So is this plan out the window?

Andre van der Valk - if this plan is negated it will set a precedent. Can't build over 50% of the lot or over 3 stories high. Lot is only 11k, can only build up to 5500, but plans are for much larger than allowed.

Lucie Volotzky - we all have a heart, but this is not a good location.

Community member - What is your plan of attack to prevent this building from going up at this location? John's response - he does not believe that the project will be profitable for the developer and they may not build for that reason. Need to reason with the developer, keep showing up to these meetings and being supportive.

Pilar Schiavo - Parent at CPE. Supportive of the project. New to Chatsworth. Said she's been bullied and was afraid to bring her daughter here tonight. Wants people to be civil to one another. Advised that at \$450k per unit, HHH funds 1/3 of it. As it is HUD funding, that means they must follow HUD guidelines.

Rev. Bill Freeman - From Simi Valley, in support of the project. Need to find homeless some place to live. There are 600 homeless in Chatsworth.

Erwin Boychenko - He's a developer and had to follow guidelines to build in Chatsworth. So should the developer in this project. Anything over 3 stories doesn't make sense in Chatsworth. Owned here for 21 years.

Penny Haber - Homeowner 20 years. Developer also. \$600k for a unit is ludicrous. Money is going in somebody's pocket. Chatsworth cares about homeless, community, property values. IF they build, property values will plummet.

Adam Lewis - Lived in Chatsworth for the last 5 years. Venice put together a stakeholders assoc. (non-profit for the people of Venice who help with real estate issues). We should build a stakeholders assoc in Chatsworth. We should each donate \$100 and hire an attorney to work hand-in-hand with the councilman's office to fight this.

Shannon Wetzel - here since 93. Recited incidents with homeless men in involved. Elected officials are representative of its constituents and need to fight for us. Too close to an elementary, too high, rooftop to overlook over homeowners' yards.

Bruce Paul - lived here 15 years. Look what we can do. This will never be built at this location. Will commit to helping some homeless by communicating with them. Chatsworth represents unity and community.

Straw vote: To continue to oppose the proposed *location* of the project at 10243 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd. (A 'for' vote is a vote in opposition of the location.)

For: Dorothy, Cher, Vicki, Steve, Jeff, Sheldon, Jeff M., Rudy, Andre, Linda, Jim, Lucie, Summer

Against: Tracey

Abstain: Marina

Left: Kamesh at 7:30p

Other public comment

Esther Chung – Parent/teacher at LAUSD. Advises room that they are teaching sex ed as young as TK with books that show penis in a vagina, explains heavy petting, etc.

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

8. Budget Representatives – Budget Advocates.

Writing report which will be compiled that will be given to the mayor and the city council.

Reports done by December. Annual Budget June 20, 2020

9. LAPD officer report – (upon arrival) – N/A

10. Adjournment - 8:45p