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Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

1. Welcome, call to order, and Roll Call.

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Dorothy Allison, Georgia Altmayer, Kamesh Aysola, Vikki Briskman, Frank Geraty, Rob Glucksman, Jeff Hammond, Marianne King, Jill Mather, Nick Montano, Carey Tri, Andre van de Valk, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Shekar Chikhalikar, Mark Cox, Marina Mackie, Steve Mackie, Daniel Huffman (excused), Summer Walters, Geoffrey Williams - Seven (7) missing members - There is a Quorum.

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

3. Presidents Report: JEFF HAMMOND

A. Discussion and possible action to appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for NCs scheduled on 9/9, 9/23 and 9/30, 2021.

Important for new members to attend. Kamesh Aysola, Marianne King, Jill Mather and Carey Tri.

B. Discussion of committee attendance.

This is extremely important to attend. It is part of your duty as being a voted member of the CNC. Check your spam file for CNC emails. The committee meetings are at the same time day of the week each month and same time.

C. The annual Congress of Neighborhoods being held virtually this year on 9/25, 2021. Registration is now open. Website: <http://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>. Open to everyone.

4. Treasurers Report: VIKKI BRISKMAN

A. Motion: To approve of the July 2021 MER. The balance is wrong because it does not include the rollover.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

B. Motion: To approve the amended board budget dated 9-1-21.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

5. Representatives of elected officials or elected officials.

SCOTT SCHMERELSON: LAUSD Board District 3

In Chatsworth he has 7 schools: Germaine, Chatsworth Park, Superior Street Elementary, Lawrence Middle School, Chatsworth High, Stoney Point High and Aguilar High. Principal Ratner at Chatsworth Park Magnet earned a promotion and now principal at Stanley Mosque Elementary. Barbara Friedrich is filling in as principal until a permanent replacement is selected.

All schools in LAUSD are offering full day in person classes – everyone masked and regular Covid19 testing. There is a Covid19 dashboard that is updated every day – reflects any positive cases at the schools. There are 2,000 positive cases that have led to an additional 3,300 students at home during the Covid exposure. District recognizes the need for greater visual learning opportunities. We will be offering weekend visual learning for these students.

Soon all LAUSD employees must be fully vaccinated as a condition of their employment. Mobile units will travel to all of our secondary schools during these initial weeks of school.

The board is in the early stages of hiring a new Superintendent. They have launched a survey for parents, students, staff and community to share what qualities they would like to see in the next Superintendent. Share this survey with the stakeholders. There are 2 community listening sessions this month to capture feedback – September 14 from 5-6pm for Spanish and September 27 from 5-6pm for English.

Board of Education will have 5 standing committees in the 2122 school year.

The LAUSD redistricting committee is completing their initial round of public hearings as they prepare to redraw the boundaries of school board districts. This happens every 10 years according to the census. The commission's next set of public hearings are not slated until October.

Application for the Student Advisory Council is open through September 13th – one student from every high school is selected.

NICK MONTANO: What is the survey link?

TARA VAHDANI: Sending out the link for everyone.

JUDITH: Are the students who have moved out of the district required to return the computers back to the school. The students are required to refresh or return the computers – there is a strict inventory on each and every one.

JOHN HALES: In Texas there was a case that the teacher was not wearing a mask.

SCOTT SCHMERELSON: How do you feel about this? If the person does not comply with this mandate they will be terminated or reassigned with no exceptions – you must be vaccinated. There are exceptions for religious or medical reasons.

CAREY TRI: What is the Union saying about the blanket vaccination mandate. **SCOTT**

SCHMERELSON: They are in favor of it.

GLENN BAILEY: Make sure the NCs are given the results of the redistricting of LASUD.

ERIC MOODY: CD12 District Director and Representative

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS / NEWSLETTER for all that is going on in CD12.

Continues **ANGEL FUND**. Continue the **DINNER ON US** with Los Toros.

LEGISLATIVE: Last Wednesday the Council approved and expanded the Renter Assistance Funds program. \$260 million in combined state and federal funds for direct rental assistance for the city's landlords and their tenants. The business end of things is that the landlords are being considered in this new amendment.

JOHN HALES: See that across from the councilman's office is clean of unhoused. Was this accomplished through the office. There is a huge community of homeless behind Mimi's on Corbin. **ERIC MOODY:** No. This was done by the businesses. We, the city, cannot do anything about removing homeless at this time.

JIM VAN GUNDY: I saw on Facebook that DeSoto may be closed at the metro crossing September 10 at 8pm – September 13 at 4am for upgrade of that crossing. **ERIC MOODY:** I am not aware of that.

6. Standing Committees:

A. Land Use & Equestrian Committee. LINDA VAN DER VALK

Family Housing made a very informative presentation. Parking is a big issue – 11 parking spaces for 99 units.

Radisson Hotel - is having 4 protected trees removed.

21815 West San Jose Street – tentative map to subdivide the 1 R5 one lot into 5 R5 one lots for the construction of 5 single family dwellings.

HILLARY ST GEORGE: Senior Librarian at Chatsworth Library.

Open 4 nights a week (Mon and Wed open 10-8pm; Tues and Thurs 12-8pm and Fri and Sat 9:30-5:30pm). Designated as a cooling center – not on Sundays. We are returning to opening our student's center. They are not taking donations of books or magazines at this time. The front door is open on Devonshire if we are fully staffed, otherwise it is the back door.

B. Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

FRANK GERATY: Nothing to report at this time.

C. Outreach Committee. JIM VAN GUNDY

Vikki Briskman and Nick Montano must recuse themselves from the following votes because they are part of the groups.

1. ***MOTION: To spend up to \$500 to purchase an advertising package for the Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce State of the Community event.***

VOTE: Approved unanimously.

2. ***MOTION: To spend up to \$1000 for CNC promotional items to be given away at local events.***

This would be poppy seeds for Environmental Awareness Day for instance – the packages have our name on it for publicity. We do this to increase public awareness and participation with the CNC.

VOTE: Approved unanimously.

D. Community Enhancement & Beautification Committee.

1. ***Motion: To approve an advertising package in the amount of \$1,500 to the North Valley YMCA for their Thanksgiving food baskets.***

DAVID HARTMIRE: New executive director at North Valley YMCA. His first day. We give anywhere from 20-100 baskets through this program. November 13 we need lots of help putting these baskets together.

VOTE: Approved unanimously.

2. ***Motion: To approve an NPG in the amount of \$1,000 to San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission for supplies for the families that reside at the residence at 8756 Canby Ave. Northridge, California 91325.***

This mission is basically in Northridge but the people who live there are from all over. The only mission that allows families – single fathers with their children and single mothers with their children. They have mobile showers that they take out to the homeless sites including Chatsworth twice a week. They provide hot breakfast and sack lunch and shower for the homeless that visit to Freedom Church.

ADAM: Is there a place where we can find a calendar where these NC supported events would be posted. **JEFF HAMMOND:** On the website.

VOTE: Approved unanimously.

D. Selection Committee – GLENN BAILEY, Neutral Third-Party. Update.

Selection committee meeting scheduled in September.

JOSE GALDAMEZ: No updates on the selection process.

E. Homeless Awareness Committee. JILL MATHER

Had the LA Family Housing Speaker and will be forming a motion on the next committee meeting to form a committee for GOAL 2 – involving businesses in offering work for unhoused that could take in to account the hygiene issues that could be an issue.

MIKKI LOI

Senior Lead Officer, Danny Dubai is still out in your area. If you have questions email Devonshireslo@LAPD.online. On September 16 there is a Coffee with the Cop – not sure where and when yet. September 23 Senior Lead Officer Sandra Zamora is having a Basic Car meeting – topic active shooter. Invite everyone to join that.

7. NC Budget Advocates Report – Region 2 BA – GLENN BAILEY

Had their day a week ago Saturday virtually – 261 registered and recorded on zoom. This will tell you why services are not being given and challenges that are occurring – first 2 hours. On budgetsadvocate.org. There is a panel discussion for the first time on this recording. There were regional breakout sessions with a good representative of folks. This is the beginning of the conversation for the upcoming budget. The folks in the North Valley would like it quarterly – so that is agreed to that it will happen quarterly via zoom.

8. D.O.N.E. – Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) JOSE GALDAMEZ commenting on and DONE changes and new information.

If there are technical problems with Cornerstone. You will soon receive a new username and a temporary password – update the password – and then the old password will not work. Let him know if there are any problems.

Elections feedback sessions – if you want to comment or did not attend – there is a session next week on Wednesday September 8 from 6-7:30pm.

Roberts Rules Made Simple is a portal for all board members which has parliamentary procedure trainings that are dedicated for NCs.

By-Law Amendments – 4/21/22 is the deadline for submission. Contact Jose with any questions about bylaws.

General plan housing and safety hearings coming up this month Tuesday, September 21 from 6-8pm and another on Wednesday, September 22 from 11-1pm.

Be careful to social media posts. You are engaged to public scrutiny. This involves the board and committee members equally. Do not engage into discussions that could involve the Brown Act. Do not engage into discussions but you can invite comments. You do have freedom of speech as individuals but be careful when posting as a board member, that needs to be authorized by the board. It does involve community stakeholder's as well as a committee member – they are subject to the Brown Act as well.

9. Board Member Comments & Discussion topics.

FRANK GERATY: Discussion on committee's members not showing up and adjusting the committee's so that we can have a quorum when we are meeting. **JEFF**

HAMMOND: He will be paring down the committees so that there will be a quorum – with the Chairperson of each committee.

MARIANNE KING: Share that SB9 and SB10 have been approved and going to Governor's desk. Big news and we did write a letter to the Council office so I thought it would be reported.

There are eucalyptus trees being cut down at Stoney Point Park and we should know when this is happening. There should be a way that the city informs us prior to it being done – or access to the information when it does happen, especially when 20 trees are being cut down in a historical monument like Stoney Point. **JILL MATHER:** One tree fell down with absolutely no notice at all – root system was impaired so they are cutting them down for safety to the wildlife and the facility. The drought has caused them to become dangerous.

GEORGIA ALTMAYER: Attendance of the committee meetings is frustrating and the same people who are not on the board meeting are the same people. **JEFF**

HAMMOND: We will address this issue and not discuss any further.

KAMESH AYSOLA: Major election coming up. You can cast your ballot at Mason Park starting Saturday.

DOROTHY ALLISON: Rumor that Stoney Point Ranch is going to be sold. **LINDA VAN DER VALK:** They are putting it out for bid. We have sent John Lee a letter on what we would like to see with the new owners – but the new leases. We want them to be a community person, want to have the Day of the Horse event, and have the arena open to the public. **FRANK GERATY:** I understand it will still be a Recs and Park project and this could be a 2-year process according to Jodi and Myrka. **ERIC MOODY:** Remember what they say about rumors...It will not be sold... it is a Recs and Parks property and will be open to the community. We are looking for new operators.

10. Public Comment – *GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:*

Public Comment for **non-agendized** topics will be limited to one minute each per individual due to time concerns public comments will be limited to 10 comments.

JOHN HALES: A few weeks ago in Venice they discovered that they have 6 different properties that have been finally approved by the City Council Plum committee plan and land use... and they were not informed nor was there any inquiry to those projects. Just some information.

11. Adjournment called for and seconded at: 8:34PM