



CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES

May 7, 2014

Meeting was presided by Judith Daniels, Vice President

1. Call to order: 7:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vicki Briskman

Roll Call:

In attendance: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Dan Huffman, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Nick Montaño (arrived 7:06 P.M.), George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky (arrived at 7:13 P.M.), Matt Weintraub and Michael Preis.

Excused: Erik Pampalone, Andre Van der Valk, Linda Van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy.

Absent: None

There is a quorum.

2. Public comments-

Teena Takata, community member, informed the committee that DWP cut off her water with a one day notice. She has horses and had to arrange for drinking water for her horses last minute. She feels that the DWP should give a minimum of one week notice before cutting off the water.

Helen Murphy, community member, suggested CNC banners welcoming outside communities to Chatsworth.

Jelena Csanyi, Informed CNC she received a Thank You note from CHS Boys and Girls Club for a trip to college campuses. She further informed the council that Kiwanis will have a flea market on May 17, SOLID is having a pancake breakfast on May 17 at the Devonshire police station and that the Relay For Life event is on June 7 at Lawrence Middle School.

George Nelson discussed the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission fire. The SFVRM Director is looking for donations including money, clothes and household items. Drop offs are at the fire stations and City Councilman's office.

3. Announcements-

Paul Drapkin of the U.S. Postal Service informed the council of their largest food drive this past May 10th. He asked people to donate non-perishable items on Saturday by placing them next to their letter box.

Mary Kaufman informed the community about The Day of The Horse is on May 18 at Stoney Point Ranch.

Matt Weintraub invited the community to the bike rally "Ride The COLT" on Sunday, June 8th 8 A.M.

Dianna Dixon informed the community that Santa Suzanna Advisory Committee is meeting on May 21st at 6:30 P.M. at Belle Canyon Community Center and that the meeting will emphasize ground water issues. Additionally, there will be an art show on June 8 at the Ride The COLT event.

4. Approval of March & April.2014 minutes

Minutes were accepted as presented with minor corrections as noted by Mary Kaufman.

5. Devonshire LAPD officer report - Danny del Valle informed the committee about the SOLID pancake breakfast and car show on May 17. He also reported that robberies are up in Devonshire Division about 120%, Assault is up by 120%, personal theft is up by 2.9%. He also discussed the opening of a medical marijuana clinic in Chatsworth and mentioned that the narcotics division is aware of the clinic. He further advised the community to report any such openings.

6. Political Representatives

a) Office of Mitch Englander, Councilman, was represented by Megan Cottier. She informed the community about the following local events: Mason Park Splash Pad opening on May 10 at 10:30 A.M., 9th annual Citrus Sunday on May 18. She also informed us that Mitch Englander is the vice chair of L.A. City's budget committee and she urged the community to sign up for his newsletter at cd12.org.

b) Melvin Cañas, Department of Neighborhood Council Advocate, instructed the CNC to update their roster and website. He also advised the community to subscribe to the Empower L.A.'s newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Judith Daniels informed the council that dozens of solar farms are slated to be built in Chatsworth. Single family lots can be converted into solar farms. Solar farms generate a lot of heat. DWP is making this decision and the city council is reviewing the situation.

8. Board Member Retreat:

Judith Daniels informed the council that the retreat will be held May 10th 8:30 AM at Radisson Hotel. It is open to the public.

Motion: To spend up to \$1000 for the CNC Board Retreat – **Motion Passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub and Michael Preis.

Ineligibles: Shekhar Chikhalikar, Dan Huffman, Nick Montaña.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None

Against: None

9. Motion: to approve CNC April expenditures, NPGS and updated budget

Erik Pampalone was excused. No report.

10. Presentations and Possible Motions

a) Chatsworth Park South concerning the Chatsworth Historical Society parking area: Nearly 49 Rockpointe residents were present at the meeting concerning the proposed plan of the city to convert the Chatsworth Historical Society overflow parking area into a parking lot capped with decomposed granite. Before hearing Rockpointe representatives, Judith Daniels informed the council and the Rockpointe homeowners that CNC was not involved in the decision process of the development/design of the proposed changes to the Chatsworth Historical Society parking area. CNC has not voted on the matter and members of CNC that are also members of the Chatsworth Historical Society are in conflict and will recuse themselves from voting.

Rob Burns, Rockpointe homeowner, and William Sturgeon, president of Rockpointe homeowners association, voiced the following concerns: Rob Burns informed CNC that the proposed parking lot is next to several Rockpointe homes. Rockpointe residents found out about the proposed parking lot only a month ago. They also found out the proposed parking lot will be covered in decomposed granite. He mentioned that for the last 5-6 years there were 20-25 community meetings, however, for the proposed parking lot, there were only three. Rockpointe representatives were only present for one of the three meetings and therefore, Rockpointe was not properly represented. He was also concerned that the decomposed granite will generate a lot of dust, which will cause a nuisance to the adjacent homes. He urged CNC to use their influence on the city officials to not cap the proposed parking lot with decomposed granite since that area is only used as overflow parking for equestrian events and other special functions 2-3 times a year. He said the grass will continue to be a satisfactory solution as it has been for many years. President William Sturgeon read a letter he sent to Councilman Englander and Mayor Garcetti on behalf of the Rockpointe Homeowners Association (letter attached). He also stated that the city should not ruin the public green space and that the city needs parks and not parking lots.

Megan Cottier, representative of Councilman Mitchell Englander's office, and Steve Klein, representative of Parks and Recreation, responded that there is contamination below the surface of the proposed parking lot and that it has to be capped. She, however, also mentioned that the Councilman's office and the Parks and Recreation Departments are more than willing to discuss the surfacing options. She will ask the landscape architects for surfacing recommendations that will work for everyone. She will contact the Rockpointe HOA with recommendations and for more discussion.

11. Standing Committees

a. Land Use Committee: Judith Daniels

Motion: 9601 Baden Requesting that the development is built in conformance with the subdivision approval requirements requiring compliance with horsekeeping requirements. - **Motion Passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Nick Montaña, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub and Michael Preis.

Ineligibles: None

Against: None

Abstentions: Dan Huffman

Recusals: None

Motion: 9175 DeSoto To support the request for a liquor license in conjunction with a new Chipotle - **Motion Passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Nick Montaña, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub and Michael Preis.

Ineligibles: None

Against: None

Abstentions: Dan Huffman

Recusals: None

Motion: 9837 DeSoto To support the removal of an existing building (old Hostess building), approve construction of new building to accommodate store and warehouse use and approve variance for use of the new building. New building to be a Goodwill Retail Store. - **Motion Passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Nick Montaña, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub and Michael Preis.

Ineligibles: None

Against: None

Abstentions: Dan Huffman

Recusals: None

Motion: 21856 Chatsworth Street to not support request for a 65 foot monopole/pine wireless telecommunication facility (cell tower) in a residential area. - **Motion Passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Nick Montaña, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub and Michael Preis.

Ineligibles: None

Against: None

Abstentions: Dan Huffman

Recusals: None

Motion: 20000 Prairie Ave. To support the concept of MGA headquarters also having approx.700 apartments and retail stores on 23.597 acres -

-Postponed

b. Equestrian Committee: Mary Kaufman

Motion: To spend up to \$1000.00 for additional expenses for DOTH. Committee motion. **Motion passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub and Michael Preis.

Ineligibles: Shekhar Chikhalikar, Dan Huffman, Nick Montaña

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None

Against: Judith Daniels

c. Outreach: Jim Van Gundy

Motion: To approve an NPG for \$500 to Kiwanis of Northridge toward the May 30th Senior Social in conjunction with The Aloha Festival. - **Motion Passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub and Judith Daniels, Michael Preis

Ineligibles: Shekhar Chikhalikar, Dan Huffman, Nick Montaña

Against: Jeff Hammond and Larry Heller

Abstentions: None.

Recusals: None

Against: None

d. Beautification: Kamesh Aysola

Motion: To allocate up to \$4000.00 for preparation of 35 tree wells for replanting along Mason Avenue of free trees provided by the City of L.A. - **Motion Passed**

For: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Chuck Knolls, George Nelson, Rudy Schultz, Matt Weintraub.

Ineligibles: Shekhar Chikhalikar, Dan Huffman, Nick Montaña

Against: Jelena Csanyi, Carol Lucas, Judith Daniels

Abstentions: Mary Kaufman, Michael Preis, Lucie Volotzky.

Recusals: None

Against: None

Dan Huffman left the meeting at 9:41 pm

e. Public Safety & Transportation

Lucie Volotzky informed CNC that the Jaws of Life proposal for the Devonshire Fire Department is ready for submission.

f. Enhancements Jelena Csanyi

No report

g. Legislative Matt Weintraub

No report

12. Board member comments / reports VANC

No report due to time constraints

13. Adjournment

9:46 pm