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Meeting Location: Lawrence Middle School, 10100 Variel Avenue, Chatsworth

DRAFT: CNC Meeting Minutes May 4, 2016

Agenda

(1) **Call to order:** Andre van der Valk

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Andre van der Valk

Roll Call: Anna Kumor

In Attendance:

Kamesh left meeting at 8:01pm

Carol arrived at 8:07pm

Excused:

Absent:

There is a quorum.

2) Public Comments

(a) see discussion under LAPD and Political Representatives

3) Announcements

(a) Andre - June 4th 8:30am –noon retreat

(c) May 27 St. John Eudes Carnival

(d) Paul – Food Drive – a week from Sat May 14, USPS national food drive, largest one day food drive in the world

(e) Dorothy – Matt Weintraub needs volunteers for Colt Ride on June twelve.

(f) Linda – Chatswoth community May 13th outstanding citizen Judy Daniels, Monterey in Encino \$50 per person, contact Elena.

(g) Judy – Legislative committee, ballot is DWP reform, meeting next Wednesday at 6262 VanNuys Blvd, 6pm. Herb Wesson sponsoring meetings, mayor will be there.

(h) Teena T. - Andora entrance hike Saturday 9am for slower stroll

(4) Approval of Minutes

(5) LAPD Report

LAPD – Danny Del Valle – Devonshire Division –crime reduction - #3 in the City, #1 in the Valley.

Drone shop had products stolen, arrests from Chatsworth Park North stolen car with narcotics.

Report crimes if you see something suspicious, areas of crime are along Devonshire from Mason to Topanga, Silver Panda also broken into.

Mel – asked if someone is monitoring Facebook. Danny – yes, Officer Sandoval monitoring. Incident at 10pm last night on Lassen, domestic incident, mental issues, scuffles with the homeless...issues with homeless...

Linda – are they coming on the Orange Line?

Danny – incident last year at train station, be aware of surroundings, don't get hurt over your property. Danny – not enough officers to respond to every robbery call...

Michael P – can't take kids out because of homeless issues

Danny – working at different angles to help, Neighborhood Watch at St. John Eudes 4th Thursday of the Month 7pm – Prop 47- releases leading to crimes.

Larry – lives on secluded street, has called the police, trash, which phone number to call to report?

Danny - Have neighbors turn on porch lights, call 911, or 877-ASK-LAPD is not priority.

Teena – near East of Topanga and Plummer, parties happen, do you put cameras? Skid marks, racing

Danny – no, costs prohibit. Valley Traffic unit was taken away, so cannot catch street racers.

Dean – homeless issue – generous nice people give them money, con artists

Danny – SOLID pancake breakfast and open house, May 21st at Devonshire. June 8th torch run by LAPD for Special Olympics, next months Neighborhood Watch meeting May26th at Devonshire, topic: Valley Traffic.

(6) Political Representatives

(a) Jarod – County Announcements - Jared Degonia– on behalf of supervisor Antonovich, candidate for 38th Assembly seat in State Legislature – says he understands Chatsworth issues, dedication to public service, can talk in depth about Equestrian concerns, Santa Susanna field lab, Aliso Canyon gas leak, public safety. May 15th, Brown's Canyon trail ride, new Equestrian Facility. Breakfast and lunch before after ride. Supervisor Antonovich leaving office in Nov. Santa Susanna Field lab, draft environmental impact report will come out fall of 2016. LA County Metro, study of warrant for quarter cent sales tax increase for transport projects, has until June to decide whether to put to voters. Projects include phasing in of light rail orange line. Homeless – LA City up 11%, County 14%. Health report for Aliso Canyon – may not be ready next week. Allocation for money to deal with homeless from County, to form working groups.

(b) Ron – district director for Englander – Homelessness conversation, cont... Homeless count described. 1000 counted in Chatsworth. Bins in Downtown LA. Homeless community covered in tarps, so police cannot see what they have, and cite them for safety issues. 1st Annual Youth Short Film Festival dept Cultural affairs, 5-6pm reception, 6-8 film festival May 19th SFV performing arts center, social action/responsibility homeless belongings, 60% of homeless displaced from downtown have come to Chatsworth (Channel two news).

(c) Ancor B. LAUSD – public education is a way to address social and economic issues

Nick – bringing back shop classes?

Ancor – yes, robotics programs, machine shop, vocational training, WV Vocational Center is an LAUSD school, working with Unions, etc... Homeless students at LAUSD, resources provided for them 10-15,000 homeless students.

(d) David Pollack – mayor pro tem of Moorpark, running for State Senator, public service background and business development, used to work at Rocketdyne business planning, independent consultant, started on 15years school board, known as school reformer. Air pollution control board for Ventura County, others. Platform of Environment and Education funding for preschool, concerned about public university students having debt, Mental Health issue in ERs. Kamesh is hosting a reception for David.

(e) Glen Baily – Budget advocate for Northwest Valley, can be seen on LACity.org, may be speaking in front of City Council, city approves budget in late May, comment on allocation for neighborhood council \$37,000 this year, but advocates pushing for additional \$5,000, will try to do one budget rather than two. If you get an alert, act personally to elected official (Englander). Annual

Neighborhood Council Budget Day has changed to Sat July 30th, please recruit two budget representatives for this day. Email sent, unhappy that Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment have not posted. Chatsworth has 260 subscribers.

(f) Morgan for politician – next time.

7) President's Report

(a) June meeting is happening, and a retreat, too.
July dark.

(b) Andre – checking board members on which committee

(c) Unfinished Business: one seat opening. If only one applicant, then board members vote tonight. If there are more, then voting next week. Dean is one application. Dean is elected unanimously. Dean is sworn in by Glen.

(d) Those who don't have funding approval can't vote. Quorum is 11.

8) Motions: Vicki recorded motions votes.

Motion: Vicki – Expenditures, Budget, both approved.

Revised Budget for Day of the horse, budget had to be redone to reflect.

\$5,000

\$3,500

Motion: Nick Montano - Citrus Sunday – May twentysecond, volunteers go through neighborhood to take extra fruit to food bank. Motion for \$650 for postcards. Motion carried.

11) Standing Committees

(a) Public Safety – Mel – nothing to report. No stakeholder.

b) Beautification – Kamesh – new board members joined, Darlene Wageman is stakeholder.

(c) Enhancements – Kiwanis – Mary Ann fishing trip – done every year, underprivileged from Devonshire, pals, boy scouts taken out half day fishing trip, fish on a chartered boat. June 8th. Motion carried. Kiwanis board members left the room for the vote.

(d) Land Use – Linda Van der Valk– Church issue – traffic issue for neighbors, filed for 7098 foot one story church, twenty members of the church, 40 average on Sunday, 60 on other days, wed/fri bible studies 7-8:15, Sunday school, concerned about lighting and parking. Neighbors are petitioning against it. Motion to not support the church. Paul – asked about parking spaces, 113 seems high. They were invited to tonight's meeting, but did not come. Andre – the issue is that there are no other commercial entities in the area, and not that it's a church. Neighbors are calling Andre, saying that Sunday is their only peace and quiet. The original plan was for homes, and is approved for homes. Michael Harris – raised issue to neighbors that church can come back with new design, should have reduced parking and increased landscaping to mitigate issue with neighbors. Linda says that reducing parking won't help. If they are truly going to be smaller, so be it, says Michael. Paul – a constituent suggested a shuttle service, concerned that there is no representative from church. Linda – they were invited. Andre/Linda – neighbors were also invited.

Motion to not support - carried

Support the project church - 0

Three abstentions

Andora project – waiting until final environmental impact report, will be done in a couple months.

May 19th – Church proposed on horse property, CNC against it, appeal has been filed to block it.

Near Ride On. 4:30pm hearing on day of Land Use.

(e) Outreach motions – Jim not present, but Shekhar reads motion \$500 American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Motion passes. Second Motion – Outreach second motion \$500 NPG to the Kiwanis Club of Northridge Foundation to assist with the Senior Dance. Motion passes.

(f) Legislative – Shekhar will be down for two months because of the Colt Ride, will talk to Matt about continuing meetings. Andre – Legislative is important committee, and needs to keep going because of upcoming elections, no reason not to meet. Andre will come to the next meeting. Larry - No room for dissent from LA City, and has issues with MTA because of Chatsworth Station, i.e. cataloguing

(g) Equestrian – missing Mary, impacted committee. Dorothy is chair, no comments.

11) Board Member Comments

Board Contact Info – public information, and businesscards will be available for next meeting, use bcc, Anna will do two lists.

14) Adjournment – 9:01pm