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

DRAFT: CNC Meeting Minutes June 1, 2016

50% is a quorum.

There is a quorum. Started at 6:45pm

Vicki – union bank day before last day of the month. Michael Harris – fiscal year question.

Motion to approve May expenditures recorded by Linda. Motion passed.

Andre – 21board members, members contact info missing, see Anna to update list.

Fill out speaker cards in order to have floor at meeting.

Saturday retreat – plan to discuss strategic plan...see the retreat agenda.

Motions – May minutes – Michael motions to approve. Minutes are approved.

Motions - Land Use – Wheels in Motion – business is expanding, and it is good for Chatsworth. The Motion approved.

Motion – Radisson Hotel – Seeking zone change, variance. Brad Rosenheim presents with posters on behalf of Radisson. Land use committee was met with 3 times. Original proposal was modified to 104 guest rooms and 4 stories. Discretionary actions: zone change necessary because lot was limited to retail and office uses. Filing Conditional Use permit for community to review, because it's close to residential area, and for parking in RA zone. Height approximate to the residential. Two large oak trees that will be preserved, but a third tree will be removed because it is not in good health. Linda – an elder care facility was previously discussed for this lot. They could also put a strip mall in. Ingress/Egress issue – was a concern in the Land Use committee. Brad – existing driveway will remain. Decision to increase width of the driveway. Vicki – Asked Mr. Wu if there has been an accident coming out of this hotel, and the answer was that NO, no accidents. Paul – 105 rooms and 72 parking spaces? How does that work? Brad – total 128 parking spaces. 253 rooms total. Question – how will big events be handled? Brad – parking has not been a problem in the past. Mr. Wu – there has been no parking issue since he took over facility. Most groups come on a bus. Nick – Can the exit be by light? Brad – talked about that. To make an intersection, it would encroach on another property. Speaker – asked if

Mr. Wu would give donation to a local school. He never donates anything. You need to give back to the community. Vicki – would you rather have a strip mall? Mr. Wu – I don't know who you spoke with who said I don't donate anything. I donate to local elementary school. Brad – I understand your point, I think Mr. Wu responded. Hotels do create value for the local community. Andre – Neighborhood Councils don't take donations, and we're not about that in Chatsworth. Michael – property owners have rights. As board members, when someone brings a project, does it fundamentally serve and benefit the community. The issues you bring are pretty and not germane to the discussion tonight. There is a process, and Brad was kind to go through the discretionary process. Paul – I am concerned about parking and rooms. The ratio is two to one. Brad – Municipal Code, 30 rooms get one parking space each, then less for more rooms after that. Meets the city code. Paul – if you're overbooked on parking spaces, will there be valet? Brad – we have the capacity to stacked and valet parking. Speaker – presuming that your visitors work at Warner Center, and there will be rush hour traffic. Brad – point is well taken. Motion – for Radisson – two opposed. No abstention. Motion passes.

Enhancements – Vicki –

Outreach – didn't meet – Jim Van Gundy – Vicki says they have to do their promotional items.

Legislative – Matt – have chaired the committee for a couple years, can't continue to do it. Andre – meeting times are an issue for some who want to attend. 2 hour meeting. Local bills were mentioned, standing invitation for Englander's office, Millie comes.

Legislative - Larry – nobody who can answer questions will attend. Brad Sherman, Steve Knight, Fran Pavley, Scott Wilk, City of LA, Mike Antonovich, Mitch Englander. Ron from Englander's office responded. Vicki – We talk with representatives, but the Legislative committee can have a forward agenda so that they have an idea, with advanced notice to address the issues. Lucie – Our concern was mostly that when you start to write a bill, by the time you come to us the bill has passed. Nick – mirror what Lucie said. We should talk about hard issues, such as gun control. Andre – we had a discussion about the impact of recent legislation on us as business people. We need to bring up some of these points and be heard. Ron – Mitch is representing financial issues, and has the intention to protect Chatsworth. Nick – Chatsworth is not being seen by LA City and County. We are invisible. I've been in business for 50 years, and they are killing small business. Linda – North Valley Planning Commission approved the Church, even though we were against it. It's going to ruin our lifestyle. Ron – democracy isn't perfect. It's just the way the system works. Nick – we have to stop accepting it. Judy – from the beginning of the committee, the idea was never to have politicians come and tell what was going to happen. We were to be asked to weigh in, interested in legislative actions, and voice what is important. Paul – bills change so quickly, and so many times. We should be generating new legislation.

Public safety and Transportation – Lucie - met last month.

Beautification – Kamesh – Boyscout came to provide service. We gave him some direction. Other issue – some of us went to look at freeway ramp.

Equestrian – Dorothy – we discussed DOTH and what went right and wrong. Speaker – her sister thought the DOTH was the best thing she's been involved with. Free of commercialization and wonderful day.

Public Comments and Announcements –

Jennifer Milbauer – live in Chatsworth, running for community interest seat in Porter Ranch, some months the committee meetings are on the same date. Porter Ranch changed the date to conflict with CNC. Porter Ranch CAC – people don't know who contact. Manage a FB page about Aliso Canyon. Can we have Andre's contact info? Community includes Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, and Granada Hills. Andre – We were not included. Jennifer – we should be included. Andre – Mitch was consulted. Ron – I've gotten great feedback about the CAC. It was set up to be an autonomous body. I'll take it back to Mitch. Vicki – we'll put it on the CNC website. Andre – we haven't given up. Linda – that committee was formed to be a fact-finding committee, it wasn't to take votes. Ron – it was to be a two way street. Jennifer – all I want to say is that there should be a conduit for the Chatsworth Community Council. Michael P – there is a link on the website.

LA Public Library -Janice Rich- For the first time in decades, there is going to be an adult summer reading event, to encourage using the library. Will leave flyers. Each of the branches will have flyers. Volunteer Opportunity – adult literacy program continues to grow, 60 matches, 50 waiting. 3 hours per week to help another adult learn how to read and write. Matches by availability, two days 1.5 hours.

Andrew Fletcher – Hand Brewed Beer in Chatsworth. 9771 Variel for two years. Filing with City conditional use permit for tasting room. Chatsworth based brewery. Staw Hat, Amazing Thai, many restaurants, Rotary, Taste of Chatsworth Event. Will come to Land Use committee. Can set up a tour.

Glen Baily – reminder – annual budget day is July 30th. Everyone is invited. Get two budget reps in. Mayor and controller will be there for city's budget. Annual Congress of Neighborhoods. Sept 24, especially for new board members. All day Saturday at City Hall. 40 different workshops. June 6th deadline to submit suggestions for workshops. Will forward info. Andre – who are our budget reps? Glen – whoever was on last year. Norm Braverman and Ankar Patel.

Jennifer and Chrissy – would you like the budget day responsibilities? Jennifer – if I don't get elected into Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council.

No LAPD or Fire rep.

Dusty Russell – For State Rep Fran Pavley – Legislative process: ideas come from business groups and communities, and over a couple years it's crafted. Receive input throughout committee process and chambers of commerce speak on your behalf. Field reps are available to air ideas. Ron mentioned these bills change throughout the process. Communicate with local communities. Representatives are authoring twenty bills. Try to share things that are happening at the state level. Can be more informed by requesting list of bills for the year, and determine where you would like to have a voice. Governors budget is making its way, on track to be passed by June 15th. 173 billion spending plan. Pay down dept and rainy day fund. One time expenditure for early earthquake warning system. Education – revolving loan fund for dilapidated schools, teacher credential programs and recruitment. Affordable housing – two billion dollar bond for affordable housing. Maintenance of highways, trade routes, public

transit. Increased funding for develop disability services. Legislation SB380 continuation of Moritoium on Aliso. Birth Control Bill - More consistent access to birth control.

Oscar Garcia – left.

Ron – budget finalized on May 19th, Mitch fought for constituents - tree trimming crew, homelessness, 300 uniformed officers were doing clerical work – but now are back on the streets. Family Fest – Porter Ranch, free, beer garden, bands. Sunday June 11th. Youth Short Film Festival – largest film festival valley has ever had. Chatsworth High School won a PSA on Veterans Homelessness.

No meeting in July.

August – looking for a place.

Sept – Back at Lawrence School.

Vicki Thanking Andre for attending CAC meetings. We also have no more budget money. Funds may be in Saturday.

Linda – Olympics presentation for outreach committee. Equestrian events in the valley.

Matt – COLT bike ride – day after Porter Ranch Family Festival. Starts at 7am at Train Station. Need volunteers.

Jim – Van Gundy – Erase Graffiti event

Adjourned – 8:33pm