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

DRAFT: CNC Meeting Minutes September 7, 2016

The board of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council will meet at Lawrence Middle School, 10100 Variel Avenue.

AGENDA

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call . **UNFINISHED BUSINESS All listed motions include discussion and possible action**
2. **In Attendance – Andre, Linda, Michael P, Michael H, Dan, Larry, Jim, Rudy, Paul, Lucie, Dorothy, Kamesh, Mel, Carol, Dean, Jeff, Anna, Nick**
3. **Absent – Shekhar, Matt**

Wilson farm flyer is not on the agenda. Coming to Land use on Sept 15th. The developers are here but not on the agenda.

Jarrold DeGonia – behalf of Mike Antonovich. Aug. CNC got notice of sediment removal project from Calabasas old fire to Browns Canyon basin. County Flood Committee to maintain flood control. Number of brush fires and sediment removal to prepare for the rainy season. Hear about this info from: Hugh Yee – Dep public works Gary Chow – water works, both from County. DeSoto and Brown street. See powerpoint presentation. Flood control district has 14 major dams and reservoirs, 500 miles of storm channels, water debris basins – catch water from storms, protect foot hill communities. Oak fire caused need to protect against mudflow. See map. Move debris after rain event. Put into sediment placement sites.

Andre – Chatsworth is the dumping ground. Browns canyon site is close to homes, and they are not aware that the wind blows the sediment toward them.

Hugh Yee – lots of sites. Browns built in 1968

Nick M – in the 1960s, there were not a lot of people, why bring the dirt here.

Yee – Calabasas is not that far from Chatsworth

Jarrold – 101 and 118 are corridors, they are different fire areas. Looking into any surplus county property to handle this.

Nick – the Calabasas area seems to be more valuable, and this may be due to the dumping in Chatsworth.

Linda – It's the windiest part of the valley

Yee – we water it and compact it to minimize dust

Jarrold – This facility is not going to go away.

Yee – we have agreements with construction companies to recycle the soil

Dan – who's construction company's cleaning out?

Michael Harris– scope - what kind of quantities?

Yee/Jarrold – no proposed project, now. 16000 cubic yards, that's still only a fraction of capacity.

Andre – this is a bigger issue than it's given credit for.

Jarrold – don't want to minimize, but there are also other sites, in Tujunga. All these areas surround communities in some fashion.

Andre – Chatsworth became a stepchild in the Gas Leak situation. Defer the subject.

Yee – if there is an intense rainstorm, we'll do the same, and have to move sediment as quickly as possible.

Dean – Soil testing question ?

Yee – no soil testing, but burned soil is all natural, undeveloped soil.

Dean – you're moving non-native soil

Andre – Winds are starting up.

Jarrold – keep the item open.

Strain Dispensory – from Pot shop on Devonshire. Joao Silverstein – owner operator.

Josh Perry, manager. Bridge to the community we appreciate it. You can be opposed or in favor, but it is legally allowed. Please give us input, and look forward to contact with community. Josh – exterior beautification issue – working with design firm to change the outside of the building.

Vicki – are you also changing the entrance?

Joao – may not have entrance at neighborhood.

Vicki – guards are not friendly, have weapons

Dan – It looks like a mud fence. Use some of the proceeds to improve the outside.

Seedy part of town. Clean it up.

Linda – There is a design review board. Your permits were already signed off.

Andre – do you have the certificate of occupancy for both places?

Joao– yes, we do.

Linda – There is a design review board.

Andre – at 10am there are 10-15 people lined up, and there is trash around the street.

You haven't done much for merchandising.

Nick – I appreciate you coming in. You took over the thrift shop. Is there any plan to put an entrance on the side of the building.

Joao – not possible. It's going to be cultivation area. We were subject to stringent city restrictions. We were told the only place the entrance could be in the front.

Lucie – could you push back the front of the building.

Joao – No.

Georgia – can you have a lobby?

Joao – we have a lobby. We have 3 years on the lease on one building, and 4 years on the other.

Linda – how do you get a wheelchair in that door?

Joao – we never had that issue. We have a neighbor giving us trouble. Front door is being addressed.

Community member – suggesting to open earlier to get people off the street. Applause.

Ted – Your security guard isn't good. That is going to draw negativity to you.

Dan – whether I like it, anybody likes it, I do sit on the design review board, as does Andre. I'm not a defense lawyer, they have gone to the City of Los Angeles, they are in full compliance of the law. I just ask that they paint the place.

Larry – I applaud you for being here. And there seems to be a desire for your place to look better. Can we get someone to meet with them to talk about design.

Andre – I will arrange a meeting.

Josh – 818-280 – 6069 shop number

Grub Fest – Mark Hovatter Granada Hills Grub Fest – Bringing Grub Fest to Chatsworth – We are the largest food truck event in the world, going on for 5 years, very successful. There was conflict in the beginning. I'm a video producer by trade, and I was called in to make a documentary of the food trucks. Chamber was trying to keep businesses happy. Jerry Asque was a proponent of the trucks and businesses, both. Mary and Gene Turner key people for Grub fest. Trucks made money and left, nobody was cleaning up after them. Mary started charging to clean up after them. Two blocks of food trucks that line Chatsworth Street in between Zelzah and White Oak. Specialized catering trucks. Going on for 5 years. Created community atmosphere. Wednesdays Owensmouth to Vassar on Devonshire. Will put twenty trucks. What it does for the community: Brings in thousands of people

Mike – I don't think that it's going to be successful on a Wednesday. It would be better on a Friday.

Grub – It won't be like a Friday, but it will take time.

Community member – other than exposing some store fronts, where are people going to park, and is there a financial benefit to our community?

Grub – people park at Ralphs and walk...or in neighborhoods

Linda – Have you talked to store owners?

Mark Grub – we talked to Alisha on Chamber.

Dan – They're going to park at the pot shop, munch box, side streets....Have you addressed the businesses?

Mark Grub – will be sending out postcards to residents. Not going to do this until April.

Nick – no reason to get hostile

Community member – Devonshire is a major highway, and the trucks are wide and take up a traffic lane. Can you please consider that traffic has to keep going?

Dean – can it be moved to the train depot?

Andre – they have more work to do.

Land Use – presentation for Andora.

Brad Rosenheim – property overview, background and community outreach, key areas of discussion. 91 acres. Eagles nest north....current zoning...A1-1 allows for 36 homes, in a much more disruptive zoning than they are proposing. Daniel Bernstein, who owns the property is a resident, and will work with the community. Over the last two and half

years, has had many meetings with committees and community. Issue is number of homes, preserving open spaces, rock outcroppings, maintaining equestrian access and home sites. Reduction to 4 two homes... Site is more consolidated, consistent with city mandate to cluster homes. New Proposal for tonight: is for 33 homes, 2 open space lots and deed restricted areas. Zone change from A1 to RE40 zone and RE 20. Vesting Tentative Tract Map, retaining walls to reduce the amount of exported dirt. Brought to CNC in twenty15, and Draft Environmental Impact Report. Key areas of discussion – wildlife movement, visual character, fire protection, construction air quality, traffic, water supply. A small pathway dedicated to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, who are the stewards of the open space in this community, support this development. Deed restricted area – no structures, no fences to impede wildlife, no use by private property owners, and the conservancy areas. Majority of rock outcroppings will be preserved, as will be plumbers mariposa and other plants. Equestrian access will also be preserved, and a watering station will be maintained. 8 enhanced equestrian lots have been identified. Secondary emergency access meets fire dept requirements. Water supply – dwp made requirements. Air quality requirements met. They've incorporated every comment they could into the project, and preserving land for the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, reduced # of homes by twenty one percent. Here tonight to ask for support for the vesting track map, zone change, elimination of access easement, reduce andora ave width to preserve Oak Trees, and preserve night skies.

Tina Takata – long term secretary for land use community – showing a picture of the canyon, showing how wildlife will be affected. A wildlife corridor should be 500 meters. Ask CA fish and wildlife to weigh in. Cougars have a lot of problems crossing. Equestrian trails – also available for hikers, equestrian trails required to be twelve feet wide and two rails on them. PDF 3 homeowners association has right to reduce trails. Other conflicts from Brad's presentation. Retaining walls going through trails, etc... Very specific issues from contract. We're going to lose a "K" that is usable. Setting precedent for next development to reduce horse property.

Red haired speaker after Tina – Egress boulder – we'd like to know how it's going to be handled. Primary purpose of the road is so the fire dept can come in, not for the community to evacuate. Biologist talks about not being able to locate species of birds. But Audobon society has been able to locate the birds. Suggested that applicant didn't see birds. There is a blue line stream goes to the ocean, but a man made waterway was mentioned.

Community – can you explain deed restriction? How did you determine equestrian lots? Brad – prevent fencing on deed restriction, and equestrian committee discussion led to lots. Many people have horses, but many do not, and this is reflective of the community. All of the homes will have the opportunity to have equestrian homes, and that will be clear to the buyers.

Jeanie – equestrian trails in open space don't have to have rails. Please look at track map, K overlay, lets future buyers know that there is future possibility of conflict.

Brad – Tina Takata is a neighbor, has had an individual meeting with the developer.

Tina – I did not have a meeting.

Brad – Fire Dept choses to use it and direct people as they please. Trails have been there for decades, we are providing trails on site. Please give me any info you may have, they will be accessible. There is a trade off, and part of the discussion. The open space is

deeded to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Andre – Sept 20 9:30, Van Nuys meeting, and right now we will decide if we support it.
Guy in Back – will developer be willing to deed the open space to someone other than Santa Monica Conservancy?

Andre – Understand what you are asking.

Linda – only got final EIR on Friday, and other documents are not available, so can't make a motion.

Carol – Clarification on 3.5 parcel that Elizabeth mentioned that is inconsistent, included in deed restricted .

Brad - Purchased to dedicated to Santa Monica Mountains.

Michael Harris – There are a lot of new faces at this meeting, but 80 percent of this board is on land use committee, we have been at these meetings. This is the best project that I have ever seen. We work very hard to balance concerns of the community, equestrians, project. We take this very seriously.

Nick – motioned to support as presented, tentative track map, zone change, zone variance, hall route. Lucie second.

10 Yes – Andre, Michael H., Jeff, Larry, Dan, Anna, Dorothy, Kamesh, Lucie, Nick

4 No – Dean, Jim, Paul, Rudy

5 - Abstain – Carol, Mel, Linda, Michael P., Vicki

Motion \$250 for land use printing – motion passed

375 to sponsor booth – motion carried

Danny LAPD – Devonshire area hot prowls calls, when somebody is breaking in, pet doors, crime has gone up is grand theft auto – Hondas and Fords, 60% of cars that were broken into were unlocked. Sept 22 is neighborhood watch meeting, will cover crime in depth how burglars getting into cars.

\$500 for congress of neighborhood councils – motion carried.

Andre – Homeless situation meeting Mon Sept 12, letter to police and city attorney, defer discussion until next month.

Glen speaker card – left

Jeannie – land use case on church property – files were not available because it's an expedited case. Asked city planning commission for records. They responded that they will restore the unit and ability to review public files in the next several months. Hope CNC will continue to exert pressure.

Andre – didn't know that.

Linda – can't do a motion because it's not on the agenda, will put on land use agenda.

Andre – I was asked to look at DOTH budget. \$3580. Motion passed.

Kelly – Chatsworth Action Coalition, train station on the 15th, organizing around farms and Desoto issues. Question –

Andre – can't guarantee what the numbers are. If there is a capacity issue, we will move into waiting area.

Adjourned 9:10pm

A public comment period will be provided. **The chair may set a speaking-time limit and/or require that speaker cards be completed.** Accommodations under ADA may require 72 hours advance notice to (818) 464-3511. Meetings may be recorded by audio or video means.

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