

**CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012 MINUTES - APPROVED**

AGENDA

(1) Call to order: 7:07 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Kamesh Aysola.

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Vicki Briskman, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Jeff Hammond, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Scott Munson, Richard Nadel, Erik Pampalone, Linda Ross, Linda van der Valk, Andre van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Justin Weiss.

Excused: Matt Weintraub

Absent: Dan Huffman, Diana Dixon-Davis,

There is a quorum.

CNC Board Member Justin Weiss regretfully submitted his resignation citing time constraints due to family and personal obligations.

(2) Public Comments:

(a) Brent Smiley, Lawrence Middle School – Thanked the attendees for supporting Proposition 30 stating this will allow for the first full school year for students who entered Lawrence as freshmen.

(b) Clara Wolls, Stakeholder coordinating Chatsworth CERT program- The seven-week Community Emergency Response Team training will be held at the Chatsworth library starting January 10, 2013 to February 21, 2013. Sessions are from 9:30 AM to Noon.

(c) Scott Munson, PS&T Committee Chair. Paul Darrigo, RACO – Introduced Paul Darrigo and asked him to discuss the Reserve Animal Control (RACO) Program. PS&T has a motion to spend \$250.00 for Reserve Animal Officer training. Paul explained the Program has \$25,000 in reserve and although additional funds will be accepted the current need is for candidates. Scott requested Paul to come back in four months and provide an update. Paul agreed.

(d) Erik Pampalone, CNC Board Member -•Announced the Shops at West End Chatsworth are hosting their first annual “Tis the Season” holiday event November 15, 2012 from 5:30-9:00 PM. The Shops at West End Chatsworth are a group of local businesses located on Devonshire Street between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Owensmouth Avenue.

(3) Announcements:

(a) Jelena Csanyi, CNC Board – Reminded everyone the Metrolink Holiday Toy Express was scheduled to stop at the Chatsworth Train Depot on Friday, November 16 at 8:15 PM to showcase “The Joy of Giving” event. The firefighters are collecting toys for the “Spark of Love” toy drive. CNC will have a table and hand out red safety flasher reminding everyone to “Be Safe-Be Seen.”

(b) Dorothy Allison, CNC Board – Announced Corral 54 is hosting a one-hour trail ride with Wendy Gruel on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 1:00 PM originating from Davis Ranch.

(4) Approval of Minutes for June 6, 2012:

The minutes were approved with changes noted by CNC Board members.

(5) LAPD Officer Report: Danny del Valle:

Not present.

Kamesh Aysola requested Andre to remind everyone of the Veteran's Day Ceremony to be held at Lawrence Middle School on Friday, November 9, 2012 from 10:30- 12:30 PM. It will start from the library and end at the auditorium. All veterans are encouraged to participate and families of veterans are requested to submit pertinent information by Thursday, November 8, 2012.

(6) Councilman Englander's Office - Megan Cottier, District Director:

- Thank you to the CNC for great participation in various events throughout October. We received good feedback from the community following a press conference on the emergency preparedness signs project, OK/Help, steered by Lucie Volotzky. The demonstration was held at CNC Treasurer, Vicki Briskman's house. The sign communication procedure has been adopted by a senior community.
- Chatsworth Park South – Rec & Parks plans to open the Recreation Center sometime in January 2013.
- Update on Prop K funds for the Pocket Park on SE corner of DeSoto and Chatsworth: Public meeting to be held tomorrow at 3:00 PM in Encino. There is a competing project.
- Police Activity League (PALS) – The Holiday Toy Drive provides holiday gifts to at-risk children in our community. Toy donations can be dropped off at the CD12 Community Service Center, PALS Youth Center and the Devonshire Police Station.
- Last week the Councilman voted no on proposals to increase taxes on parcels, sales, documents and feels it is unfair to raise taxes until common sense government is achieved.
- Thank you to the Los Angeles Equestrian appointee, Mary Kaufman. Councilman Englander introduced a motion last month to have DWP revisit a 2009 motion to decrease water rates for owners of licensed horses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

(7) President's Report:

- Recognition by Brad Sherman – On October 6, 2012 CNC received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for sponsorship of the Fifth Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair.
- Mayor's Budget Day – Two representatives are needed for the session scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2012. The volunteers are CarmaLou Thompson and Glenn Bailey.

- Judy Daniels asked Vicki Briskman if CNC is allowed to sponsor something or have it written as such. Vicki stated sponsorships are okay if we are not giving away money which is a grant.

- Clara asked Vicki about paperwork required from a 401c3 as in the case of the Animal Control Officers. Vicki requested the materials to be emailed to her and she will forward the question and documents to DONE.

- Scott Munson asked about the status of the money allocated for rental of the office space. Vicki stated the re-accounting of funds will take place in January 2013. The amount of the expense is unknown at this time as the contract has not been signed. Per Linda van der Valk the contract is hung up at the DOT. Andre van der Valk will contact a locksmith and have the locks changed and requested Vicki and Jeff to buy paint.

(8) MOTION: As Presented by Treasurer, Vicki Briskman, to Approve Monthly CNC Expenditures and Other Financial Matters.

MOTION: Vicki Briskman moved to accept the CNC expenditures as presented. **Second: Jelena Csanyi. Adopted unanimously (18 For).**

(9) BOARD MEMBER MOTIONS:

BOARD MEMBER MOTION: To invert the colors of the CNC logo. Matt Weintraub.

Discussion – Erik Pampalone presented this Board Member Motion for Matt Weintraub showing an example and stating the inverted color scheme results in the logo being more prominent. The new logo would be eased in for replacement as documents are updated, printed or revised.

MOTION: Erik Pampalone moved to invert the colors of the CNC logo. **Second: Lucy Volotzky.**
Oppose: J.Csanyi, J.Daniels, C.Knolls. Abstain: R. Nadel. Motion Passes (14).

BOARD MEMBER MOTION: To resend our previous letter concerning the Community Care Ordinance as a Community Impact Statement. Judi Daniels.

Discussion: The Los Angeles City Council is going to vote on this matter in a few days. The CNC letter was approved previously and sent to Councilman Englander’s predecessor, Councilman Smith. This motion will allow for the letter to be resent and the City Clerk will include it as part of the file.

MOTION: Judi Daniels moved. Second: Linda van der Valk. Adopted unanimously (18 For).

(10) STANDING COMMITTEES:

(a) Community Enhancements: Richard Nadel, Jelena Csanyi

MOTION: To spend up to \$500.00 for equipment rental for the Chatsworth Relay for Life event.
Adopted unanimously (18 For).

MOTION: To spend up to \$250.00 on equipment rental for the 2013 CD12 Valley Family Festival in June 2013.

Adopted unanimously (18 For).

MOTION: To spend up to \$1000.00 on Chatsworth Cleaning Fling-Community Clean Up events for refreshments, publicity, printing, supplies, equipment etc.

Adopted unanimously (18 For).

(b) Outreach: Jim Van Gundy

MOTION: To spend up to \$450.00 on Chatsworth Chamber’s two events advertising combo: “Legends & Heroes” and “State of the Community Breakfast.”

Adopted unanimously (18 For).

MOTION: To spend up to \$200.00 on sponsoring VANC Mixer Spring Event.

Adopted unanimously (18 For).

MOTION: To spend up to \$250.00 on advertising of the Chatsworth Holiday Parade and Fair.

Adopted unanimously (18 For).

MOTION: To spend up to \$350.00 on purchase of CNC promo item – snap band with CNC logo.

Adopted unanimously (18 For).

MOTION: To spend up to \$310.00 on printing updated CNC brochures and bookmarks.

Adopted unanimously (18 For).

(c) Land Use: Linda van der Valk

No meeting in October. No motions.

(d) Legislative Committee: Matt Weintraub

Committee Chair not present.

(e) Equestrian: Mary Kaufman

No Motions.

(f) Beautification: Kamesh Aysola

No Motions. Discussion: Requested Erik Pampalone attend the next meeting to discuss the Shops at West End of Chatsworth.

Website Update – Erik Pampalone: The website is nearing completion. All Committee Chairs will have new email addresses with format “name of committee@CNC.org.” Erik offered personal assistance in setting this up. Committee Chairs will have log in rights to the website to upload agendas, minutes and letters for their committees.

(g) Public Safety & Transportation: Scott Munson

MOTION: To approve a letter asking about the Santa Susana Field Lab Cleanup study procedures.

MOTION TABLED.

MOTION: To approve a letter to City Planning and DOT suggesting possible beautification and traffic calming measures for Devonshire Street between Topanga and Mason.

Discussion: Concerns regarding the method and recipients were expressed in light of effectiveness.

Input from CNC members prompted Erik to retract the motion in favor of bringing the applicable parties together (DRB, BID Shops at West End of Chatsworth) to discuss prior to revising the letter.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION: To spend \$250.00 for Reserve Animal Officer training.

Discussion: See Public Comments.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

(12) Board member comments / reports VANC – Scott Munson:

- Scott Munson reporting on DWP- The West Valley usage is higher and we become a target for higher Tier 2 rate increases.

- Scott Munson: Letter sent by VANC to DWP on the rate increase having a greater impact on the San Fernando Valley single-family homes since they typically use more power.

(13) Adjournment: The November 7, 2012 CNC meeting was adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by CNC Secretary Carol Lucas.