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

APPROVED: CNC Meeting Minutes April 2, 2014

Agenda

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by LAFD Captain John Ignatczyk, Station 96

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Vicki Briskman, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Daniel Huffman, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub

Excused: Scott Munson, Richard Nadel

Absent: None

There is a quorum.

2) Public Comments (Note: these comments were made prior to the roll call)

(a) Mary Kaufman spoke of the success of the trail ride hosted by Corral 54 on Sunday, March 30, 2014. Mayor Garcetti, Councilman Englander, additional City Councilmembers, Grayce Liu and one-third of the CNC Board participated in the 100 horse ride. Mary thanked everyone for their participation and handed out gift bags to the non-equestrian CNC members who participated.

Daniel Huffman complimented and thanked the organizers. He felt it put Chatsworth on the map.

Lucie Volotzky thanked the organizers and expressed her enjoyment of the ride.

Many others chimed in.

Matt Weintraub stepped outside from 7:10- 7:12 PM.

3) Announcements

(a) Paul Drapkin, Senior VP of the National Association of Letter Carriers – Saturday, May 10, 2014: The “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive”, the largest one-day food drive in the nation will be held. Place non-perishable food items in a bag next to your mailbox and your mail carrier will pick it up. The food items will go to your local food pantry, FISH. Watch for a card to arrive in your mailbox and please participate.

(b) Jesse Fuller – Sunday, June 8, 2014: The second annual “Ride the Colt” event will start at 9:00 AM from the Chatsworth Train Depot. The focus of the nineteen mile loop ride is to explore the bike paths. There are also marked, shorter bike loops. There will also be a health walk, refreshments, and give-aways. The 2013 event had 300 riders and 50 walkers participating.

(c) Jelena Csanyi – Sunday, April 6, 2014: The Chatsworth Nature Preserve will be open to the public for an Earth Day Celebration from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Attendance is free. Saturday, April 19, 2014: The Friends of the Chatsworth Branch Library will hold a giant book sale at the Chatsworth library from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. Saturday, April 27, 2014: The Chatsworth Historical Society will host the Garden Festival at the Homestead Acre from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The Duchess Tea is from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM for \$10.00 per person. Saturday, May 3, 2014: The FPSSM is hosting the Santa Susana Trails Day. Hikes will begin at 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:00 AM and visit educational stations along the route. Enter the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park through the Larwin entrance.

(4) Approval of Minutes

The approval of the minutes is deferred to the May 7, 2014 meeting.

(5) LAPD Report

Danny del Valle, Devonshire Division: Not in attendance.

(6) Political Representatives

(a) Jarrod DeGonia, SFV Field Deputy for Supervisor Mike Antonovich – The County Planning Commission voted to approve the Trails Master Plan into the General Plan. This will provide coordinated cohesive trails system in unincorporated parts of the SFV along with the San Gabriel Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and Antelope Valley. It will be brought before the Supervisors in an upcoming meeting.

(b) Rosalba Gonzalez, SFV Field Representative for Senator Fran Pavley – She addressed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Commission regarding the need for a coordinated response to drought conditions and creating a sustainable water supply. This would include capturing storm water runoff. There are many pieces legislation in this package and all would need to go through the appropriate committee.

(c) Megan Cottier, District Director for Councilman Mitchell Englander – Councilmen Mitchell Englander and Joe Buscaino are presenting a proposal to repair the 8700 miles of streets and sidewalks throughout Los Angeles. The initiative, Save Our Streets LA, would increase the sales tax by 1/2¢ for the next 15 years. A citizen oversight committee would be established to ensure the \$4.5 billion dollar plan appropriated the funds for the targeted repairs. If SOSLA makes it on the November ballot it will need a 2/3 approval since it will be a secured funding source. Question: What happens if it does not pass? Answer: The costs for repairs double every ten years. We just can't kick the can down the road. Q: Who determines the priorities and how is this accomplished? A: Contract Administration will award outside contractors the work and this will add potentially 18,000 jobs. Since the 1990's, objective data has been gathered to grade the streets. A device analyzes the street surface as a vehicle is driven over it. The Bureau of Street Services evaluates the street surfaces in grids and completes the survey every five years. Q: What about sidewalk conditions? A: This is done on a case-by-case basis. Comment: LA has the highest business and sales taxes in the state. Ask Councilman Englander to spend time with the CNC to address these challenges. Response: Yes, I will. Q: Would the contractors be from LA? A: Contractors from LA County would receive extra points. Comment: I believe we are still paying a tax for the San Francisco earthquake. We should look at other areas. A: The 15 year sunset on the tax is specified in the ballot language. The City Council has until June 30th to approve the initiative for the November ballot. The Councilman does not take this lightly. There are limited tools to raise funds. Q: What about a re-do in 15 years if more funds are needed? A: It is anticipated \$3.6 billion will be needed for the LA repairs and completion is expected in 13 years. The sales tax will remain in effect until its sunset.

(d) Leyla Campos, Director of Field Operations for DONE – Congratulations on the outcome of your Selection. We can provide orientation and basic information in a 90-minute program. The Ethics training is tentatively planned for mid to late April. We are working with the City Attorney's office for a confirmed date.

7) President's Report

(a) Andre handed each new Board member a packet with contact information, selection term length, candidate statements, approved By-Laws, and Selection Procedures. Page 9 of the By-Laws will be forwarded. He thanked Bob Dager for an excellent job in managing the selection process and in saving the CNC approximately \$5,000.

(b) Selection Review, Bob Dager – Chatsworth had the second highest turnout second to Porter Ranch by 40 votes. There were 690 voters casting 9,362 votes. In the Valley, there were 33 elections, our selection, and one deferred selection. The five-day challenge period passed with no challenges. There were 32 candidates and of the 21 elected each received over 300 votes. Megan Cottier thanked Bob Dager for a great job and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

(c) Installation of new board, Grayce Liu, General Manager for DONE – She thanked and recognized the outgoing members. The CNC is a model for all NC's in the many community events – DOTH, COLT, Corral 54's hosted ride. Grayce Liu administered the swearing in of the new board.

(d) Election of officers, Bob Dager – Request for nominations. Seconds are not required though permissible. If more than one nomination is received, a secret ballot will be conducted.

- President: Dan Huffman nominated Andre van der Valk. Jelena Csanyi nominated Judi Daniels. Judi declined the nomination. Matt Weintraub seconded Andre. Unanimous.
- Vice-President: Dorothy nominated Judi Daniels. Mary Kaufman seconded. Unanimous.
- Secretary: Lucie Volotzky nominated Shekhar Chikhalikar. Nick Montano seconded. Unanimous.
- Treasurer: Shekhar Chikhalikar nominated Erik Pampalone. Lucie Volotzky seconded. Unanimous.

(e) Discussion on Board Member Retreat: Linda van der Valk will check with the Chatsworth Radisson to see if Saturday, May 10, 2014 is available. The tentative schedule is 8:00 AM – Noon.

(f) Reformulation of Committees, Andre van der Valk –

- Land Use: Linda van der Valk, Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Jim Van Gundy, Larry Heller, Michael Preis, George Nelson, Jeff Hammond, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas.
- Equestrian: Mary Kaufman, Dorothy Allison, Linda van der Valk, George Nelson, Dan Huffman, Judi Daniels, Shekar Chikhalikar, Carol Lucas, Nick Montano.
- Public Safety & Transportation: Matt Weintraub, Erik Pampalone, Nick Montano, Lucie Volotzky, Mary Kaufman, Rudy Schultz.
- Outreach: Jim Van Gundy, Jelena Csanyi, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Rudy Schultz, Nick Montano.
- Legislative Action Committee: Matt Weintraub, Nick Montano, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Erik Pampalone, Lucie Volotzky.
- Beautification: Kamesh Aysola, George Nelson, Jeff Hammond.
- Enhancements: Jelena Csanyi, Nick Montano, George Nelson, Kamesh Aysola, Dorothy Allison.

Discussion on amount of leftover funds: Ballpark figure is \$17,000.

Chuck Knolls left at 8:27 PM.

8) Motions: to approve monthly CNC expenditures and other financial matters.

- The approval of the CNC expenditures and other financial matters is deferred to the May 7, 2014 meeting.
- **Motion:** To re-elect Dorothy Allison as secondary signatory and to hold the credit card. **Moved:** Judi Daniels. **Second:** Jeff Hammond. **Motion carried. Unanimous.**
For (15): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Jeff Hammond, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Michael Preis, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.
Against: None
Abstentions: None
Recusals: None
- Discussion: Jelena Csanyi will order badges for all board members and revise table tents.
- Discussion: CNC Bylaws require us to maintain a list of stakeholders willing to serve if we have to establish a grievance committee. Judi Daniels asked for volunteers for the list. Judi Daniels asked for volunteers for the list. There was a question on if board members are included in the definition of stakeholder. If a grievance includes a board issue the board member stakeholder will not be selected to hear the grievance. The grievance committee volunteers are: Jesse Fuller, Helen Murphy, Jeff Hammond, Vicki Briskman, Diana Dixon-Davis, Larry Heller, Scott Munson, and Mary Kaufman.

9) Presentations and Possible Motions

- Bike lanes on Mason Avenue between Celtic and Devonshire, Tim Fremaux, P.E. DOT and Steve Gower. Discussion ensued regarding striping a bike lane on Mason Avenue between Celtic and Devonshire, parking restrictions on Mason Avenue, sharrowing, and traffic studies. Jelena requested

an amendment to include a new traffic study. This did not get the support of the board members.
Motion: To support the striping of a bike lane without removing existing lanes, sharrows, north of Devonshire to Germain Street on both sides and on the west side between San Jose Street and Germain Street. **Moved:** Nick Montano. **Second:** Mary Kaufman. **Motion carried.** CNC will send a letter of support to Councilman Englander and copy Tim Fremaux.

For (17): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jeff Hammond, Daniel Huffman, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, Nick Montano, George Nelson, Michael Preis, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.
Against (3): Jelena Csanyi, Erik Pampalone, Larry Heller.

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None

10) Board Member Motion: To support AB2534, a bill that would enable LA County to have the option to contract with private detention facilities.

Moved: Matt Weintraub. **Second:** Mary Kaufman. **Motion carried. Unanimous.**

For (20): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jelena Csanyi, Jeff Hammond, Larry Heller, Dan Huffman, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, Nick Montano, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Michael Preis, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None

11) Board Member Motion: Homelessness Awareness discussion led by George Nelson. He provided a handout on the topic. This will be added to the May agenda.

Jeff Hammond left at 9:41 PM. Kamesh Aysola left at 9:43 PM.

12) Standing Committees

a) Public Safety & Transportation, Matt Weintraub:

- **Motion:** To allocate \$1400.00 for anti-graffiti clear coat paint to protect the "Welcome to Chatsworth" mural (from unused CNC funds). **Motion carried.**

For (12): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Jelena Csanyi, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Michael Preis, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Against: None

Abstentions: Erik Pampalone.

Recusals: None

Nick Montano left at 9:46 PM.

- **Motion:** To allocate \$11,500.00 for the jaws-of-life for LAFD Station 107 (from unused CNC funds). **Motion carried.**

For (12): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Michael Preis, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Against (1): Jelena Csanyi.

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None

b) Outreach, Jim Van Gundy:

Motion: To sponsor the June 27, 2014 "West End Art Walk" at \$500.00 sponsorship-stage level. CNC gets logo on flyers, posters, banner on stage, logo on their web site with web link. **Motion carried.**

For (12): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Jelena Csanyi, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Michael Preis, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Against: None

Abstentions: Erik Pampalone

Recusals: None

c) Enhancements, Jelena Csanyi:

Motion: To approve NPG of \$3,000.00 for SOLID. Funds to be used to repair and refurbish the Senior Lead Officers' workplace (trailer). **Motion carried.**

For (13): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Jelena Csanyi, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Michael Preis, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None.

Discussion: Shekhar Chikhalikar is not eligible to vote but did leave the room due to a possible conflict as he is on the SOLID board.

d) Equestrian, Mary Kaufman:

Motion to allocate up to \$600.00 to purchase two wireless microphones was not presented due to time constraints.

e) Land Use, Linda van der Valk:

Motion: 9601 Baden Avenue-Requesting the development is made in conformance with the subdivision approval requirements mandating compliance with horsekeeping requirements. Not presented due to time constraints.

Motion: 9175 DeSoto Street, Chipotle-To support the request for a liquor license. Not presented due to time constraints.

Motion: 20419 Devonshire Street, Sharkey's-To support the request for a beer and wine license. Not presented due to time constraints. **Motion carried.**

For (13): Andre van der Valk, Judi Daniels, Dorothy Allison, Jelena Csanyi, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Michael Preis, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None.

f) Legislative, Matt Weintraub: No report

g) Beautification, Kamesh Aysola: No report

13) Board Member Comments

No discussion due to time constraints.

14) Adjournment

10:05 PM.