

**CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**February 6, 2013 MINUTES DRAFT**

**AGENDA**

**(1) Call to order:** 7:04 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Andre van der Valk.

**Roll Call:**

**In Attendance:** Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Vicki Briskman, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Dan Huffman, Mary Kaufman, Carol Lucas, Scott Munson, Richard Nadel, Erik Pampalone, Linda Ross, Linda van der Valk, Andre van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

**Excused:** Chuck Knolls,

**Absent:** N/A

There is a quorum (19 present).

**(2) Public Comments:**

(a) Rosalba Gonzalez, Field Representative for Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield: Provided Fact Sheet and sample letter in support of Assembly Bill 22 requiring local governments to seek voter approval prior to shifting costs of sidewalk repair from tree root growth to the homeowners.

Information is provided in advance for inclusion on next month's CNC agenda. Matt Weintraub will include this on the Legislative Committee agenda. •Blumenfield in his five years as Budget Chair is not facing a deficit. Education will receive an increase.

(b) Scott Munson, Chair Public Safety & Transportation Committee: •Email account was hacked but is sound now.

(c) Matt Weintraub, Chair Legislative Committee: COLT Bike Rally has been moved to Sunday, June 9, 2013. He will check with Chamber for schedule conflicts.

(d) Paul Drapkin, National Association of Letter Carriers: The discontinuation of Saturday mail delivery has not been confirmed.

(e) Maria Ventura, District & Communications Director for LAUSD School Board Member Tamar Galatzen: •Introduction and information on availability of appointments at the Lake Balboa Field Office (Tuesdays and Thursdays) to answer questions regarding education. •Ms. Galatzen is working on providing technology to every student and a motion to remove teachers convicted of abusing children from LAUSD.

(f) Amelia Herrera-Robles, DONE (213-978-1551): Ethics Training is required every two years for Neighborhood Council Board Members. It is available online and includes a quiz. On Thursday, February 21, 2013 live training will be held at the CBS Studios and does not require a quiz.

**(3) Announcements:**

(a) Jelena Csanyi, CNC: •The SSMPA Foundation is offering a Cording class on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at The Acre beginning at 9:30 A.M.. •The Garden Festival will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013. •Chatsworth Nature Preserve will be open on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

(b) Erik Pampalone: •Congratulations on the birth of his daughter.

**(4) Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2012:** The minutes, with minor corrections, were approved as submitted.

**(5) LAPD Officer Report – Danny Del Valle:** Burglaries occurring in January 2013 have increased 52% in comparison to January 2012. These are occurring primarily in commercial buildings along Devonshire Street and Topanga Boulevard. Theft from vehicles is down 9% and robberies are down

50%. No change in homicide, GTA and rape. These fluctuate and everyone needs to be vigilant and report all unusual sightings. •School shootings: Department-wide Officers are to visit all elementary and middle schools. The school police are covering the high schools. On February 28, 2013 LAPD is hosting a meeting for school principals, teachers, LAFD and school police to discuss rapid deployment and active shooters. The guest speaker is the captain from the Metropolitan SWAT Division. •Basic CAR meeting will be held Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Eudes Church. •The “Walk Against Crime” will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013.

**(6) Councilman Englander’s Office - Megan Cottier, District Director:** Councilman Englander spoke at the January Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council meeting. •The Recreation Center at Chatsworth Park South will be opening to the public very soon. Community use will be by permit/fee use only. •The Community Care Ordinance was presented in Council 1½ weeks ago. It was sent back to a working committee (Councilmembers Reyes, Alarcon, Englander) with support from other departments. They are to report back in 90 days with a revised ordinance. •Councilman Englander voted “No” on three proposals to regulate medical marijuana storefronts in LA. However, they will be on the May ballot. •On January 23, Councilman Englander introduced a motion to establish a reserve LAFD and Animal Services Department. •The community meetings for the development of the Mason Park playground will be held at Mason Park on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. and at 6:00 P.M. The playground is through a grant by First Five LA and the design is by Shane’s Inspiration which encourages children of all abilities to play. •The Community Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013. The seven-mile family-friendly ride will kick-off at 10:00 A.M at the Metrolink Station. Equestrian Chair, Mary Kaufman, has partnered with Councilman Englander’s office to incorporate a discussion on bicycle and equestrian safety.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**(7) President’s Report:** •The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners presented the CNC with an award celebrating its tenth year as a Neighborhood Council.

### **SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE ONE OPEN CNC BOARD SEAT**

**Judi Daniels:** One seat was open and there is one solo candidate, Pastor George Nelson, so the Board votes for/against the candidate. A motion is not needed. The 19 members of the CNC Board voted unanimously for electing Pastor George to the open set. Pastor George was sworn in by Amelia Herrera-Robles.

**Richard Nadel** suggested Committees adopt a standard format for minutes. Judi will send out a template used in this manner in the past.

**(8) Mayor’s Budget - Tom Johnson, Northridge West NC:** Urged everyone to complete the on-line budget survey ([la.budgetchallenge.org](http://la.budgetchallenge.org)) including the comment boxes. The goal is to try to get input from 10,000 participants in assist the Mayor in resolving the budget. The City has a \$216 million shortfall. March 10<sup>th</sup> is Regional Budget Day when the results will be taken to the Mayor. •Disaster Preparedness event will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M. at Fire Station 87 on Balboa.

**(9) Board Motion: As Presented by Treasurer, Vicki Briskman, to Approve January Monthly CNC Expenditures and Other Financial Matters.** Vicki Briskman moved to accept the CNC expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously (20 For).

**Board Member Motion: As Presented by Treasurer, Vicki Briskman, to Approve the amended budget. Vicki Briskman moved to accept the CNC Board motion. Seconded by Richard Nadel. Motion carries unanimously (20 For).**

Discussion: •Judi reminded Committee's their money needs to be spent or it will be returned to the City. Funds do not rollover. Committees need to submit their proposed expenditures in the February agendas. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for demand warrants and Vicki needs time to process the paperwork so the money should be spent by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

•Vicki stated NCs received \$37,500. Judi stated this amount will be reduced to \$35,000 for the next fiscal year. Vicki reminded everyone as new NCs are added the allotment will decrease. She announced Grayce Liu is working on setting up a checking account for NCs. This should streamline the paperwork burden and possibly allow for a petty cash fund.

**(10) Standing Committees - Motions and reports of activities:**

**(a) Land Use: Linda van der Valk**

Discussion: Linda read an email regarding the Chatsworth Social Security Administration Office Relocation Project. The Office of Zoning Administration has recently released a new ZAI (ZA-2012-2885-ZAI) that identifies a number of uses as permitted within the MR zones. One of the permitted uses is for government offices which nullifies the need for the zone variance. The applicant has moved forward to pull the necessary permits with the Department of Building and Safety and plans to complete the project as presented to the CNC.

**MOTION:** 10801 De Soto Avenue - to oppose a request for a 99 bed elder care facility. **Recuse: Mary Kaufman. Motion carries (19 For).**

**MOTION:** To write two letters in support of the NASA site including Burro Flats be acquired by the National Park Services. **Recuse: Diana Dixon-Davis. Motion carries (19 For).**

**MOTION:** To spend up to \$250.00 for LAMC updates and new binder. **Motion carries (19 For). Adopted unanimously.**

**MOTION:** To spend up to \$300.00 for promotional items to celebrate Chatsworth's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday (3/10/13). **Motion carries (20 For). Adopted unanimously.**

**(b) Public Safety & Transportation: Scott Munson**

No meeting in January.

**(c) Community Enhancements: Richard Nadel, Jelena Csanyi**

No meeting in January.

**(d) Outreach: Jim van Gundy**

Discussion: •Bob Dager and Jelena Csanyi received recognition at the Legends and Heroes Luncheon for their contributions to the community. •George Nelson was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce at their Installation Dinner for his service to the community.

(e) Legislative Action Committee: Matt Weintraub

**MOTION:** To send a Community Impact Statement opposing Council File #12-282 which deals with the libraries issuing the proposed City Service Card. **Abstain: Lucy Volotzky, Kamesh Aysola, Jeff Hammond, Dan Huffman. Motion carries (16 For).**

**MOTION:** To send a letter to Supervisor Antonovich to oppose the upcoming property tax measure for the L.A. Clean Water/Clean Beaches Measure. **Motion carries (20 For). Adopted unanimously.**

(f) Equestrian: Mary Kaufman

Discussion: •Sunday, April 14, 2013 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of the Horse. The bail donations will go to the Chatsworth Historical Society. No one from CNC will be handling money. The flyer lists the events and poster contest details. The Equestrian Committee is asking the Council for volunteers. •L.A. Equine Advisory Council is addressing AB1866 regarding second dwellings (Granny flats).

(g) Beautification: Kamesh Aysola

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

•Councilman Krekorian was at the December VANC meeting. He stated the City desperately needs the ½ cent sales tax to pass. •VANC will host a mayoral debate at Valley College on Saturday, February 23, 2013. •Factorial basis for NC candidates or members was a big problem at the Eagle Rock NC election. DONE and BONC are looking into this. •Scott will come back to the CNC and VANC regarding DWP actions/expenditures for Owens Lake. •VANC voted to oppose ballot measures without proper outreach. This includes the L.A. Street Bond (Englander) and the County Storm Water tax. A letter was not written to oppose the ½ cent sales tax. This tactic is commonly used for Spring elections due to low voter turnout except for those pushing for the measures. The L.A. Street Bond was pulled. •The General Manager at DONE, Grayce Liu, stated the NCs can weigh in on ballot measures and state their positions in the minutes and DONE website.

Judi Daniels: •The VANC Mixer will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 and is open to all Board members. •BONC asked for best practices at their meeting last night. Judi took the opportunity to tell everyone of Dorothy Allison's efforts in informing neighbors along DeSoto Street of the proposed elder care home being discussed at the Land Use Committee meeting. Dorothy single-handedly was responsible for about 50 neighbors attending the Land Use meeting.

Diana Dixon-Davis: •The Tuesday, February 5, 2013 BONC meeting addressed the definition of Stakeholders. The working committee is comprised of Kim Thompson, Glenn Bailey, Brad Smith and Jill Burad. They welcome input and will meet on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6150 Van Nuys Boulevard.

**(11) Adjournment:** The February 6, 2013 CNC meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

NOTE: The next CNC meeting will be held March 6, 2013.