

CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2012 MINUTES FINAL

AGENDA

(1) Call to order: 7:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Glenn Bailey.

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Vicki Briskman, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Dan Huffman, 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, Matt Weintraub.

Absent: Justin Weiss

There is a quorum.

(2) Public Comments:

(a) Wayne Adelstein, Editor North Valley Community Connection Newsletter: CNC is welcome to submit articles for a monthly column. Submittals are due by the 15th of each month.

(b) Paul Drapkin, National Association of Letter Carriers: May 12th will be the 20th anniversary of the "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive." Non-perishable food items can be left next to your mailbox or brought into the Chatsworth Post Office. The food is provided to the local community food bank.

(3) LAPD Officer Report:

Danny del Valle reported the past month has been active crime-wise and various issues. On Tuesday, there was a fire at the Arrowhead Distribution Center at Mason and Plummer. No injuries were reported. Last night, a hate crime was reported to have been committed by teen girls near Plummer and Reseda. There has been an increase in crimes involving burglaries and robberies from criminals impersonating service repairmen, scam phone calls from criminals impersonating relatives needing money to get out of jail, theft of copper appurtenances from commercial buildings and stolen vehicles. It is very important to call in all suspicious activity.

On April 18th from 4:00 P.M. to close officers will be waiting tables at Claim Jumpers to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated.

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on April 26th, 7:00 P.M. at St. John Eudes.

On May 19th, SOLID will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser from 7:30- 10:30 A.M. at the Devonshire Police Station. The cost is \$7.00 and proceeds benefit SOLID.

(4) Announcements:

(a) Matt Weintraub: Ciclavia will be held on April 15th. The route will cover approximately 9 miles through downtown Los Angeles. •Five Chambers will be hosting a congressional candidate mixer at the Woodland Hills Hilton on May 6th. The candidates in attendance will be Howard Berman, Brad Sherman, Mark Reed and Susan Shelley.

(b) Jelena Csanyi: •Help is needed at the Chatsworth Garden Festival from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on April 29th at the Homestead Acre. •The Friends of the Library will be holding a Book Sale on Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. •The Chatsworth Nature Preserve will be open to the public on April 15th from 10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. •The Foundation for Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains will be having an Open House on Saturday, May 19th. They will be hosting guided hikes into the historic park from the Larwin entrance every half hour from 9:00 A.M to Noon.

(c) Diana Dixon-Davis: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control will discuss the status of Chatsworth Park South at the April 23rd Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council meeting 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

(d) Dorothy Allison: On April 28th from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. there will be a Bridle Trail Cleanup covering different sections of the Chatsworth bridle trails. Additional hands are always welcome!
(e) Vicki Briskman: •DOTH will be held Sunday, April 22nd at Stoney Point Ranch. The theme is “Celebrating Legends of the Old West.” The donations from the jail will benefit the Chatsworth Historical Society. •The Kiwanis Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held April 23rd at the Moorpark Country Club.

(5) **Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2012:** The approval of the minutes was postponed to the May meeting.

(6) **Councilman Englander’s Office - Megan Cottier, District Director:** Not Present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

(7) Election of Officers and Reformulation of Committees:

•President-No volunteers. Andre’ van der Valk was nominated by Dan with a second from Dorothy. All 20 Board members approved.

•Vice-President- No volunteers. Judith Daniels was nominated by Dan with a second from Jelena. All 20 Board members approved.

•Treasurer-A written Board member vote was taken for nominees Vicki Briskman and Diana Dixon-Davis. The nomination went to Vicki. Diana will assist as needed.

•Secretary- No volunteers. Carol Lucas was nominated by Jelena with a second from Dorothy. All 20 Board members approved.

The Board ratified the reformulation of the Committees as shown in Addendum I. All 20 Board members approved.

(8) President’s Report:

MOTION: To spend up to \$1000.00 for a Board Member Retreat. The location and date are to be determined. **Motion to Approve: Richard Nadel. Second: Erik Pampalone. Adopted unanimously (20 for).**

(9) MOTION: As Presented by Treasurer, Vicki Briskman, to Approve Monthly CNC Expenditures and Other Financial Matters. Vicki Briskman moved to accept the CNC expenditures as presented. Second: Richard Nadel. Abstain: Diana Dixon-Davis. Motion carries (19 For).

(10) BOARD MEMBER MOTION: To send a letter in support of City Council Motion 12-0307 concerning Rec. & Parks preparation of a report for the overview of all City owned equine areas. Mary Kaufman. Discussion: The map showing the 90 miles of trail has not been updated since 2001. Jeannie mentioned there was a hearing on March 21, 2012. **Motion to Approve: Mary Kaufman. Second: Richard Nadel. Adopted unanimously (20 For).**

(11) Standing Committees - Motions and reports of activities:

(a) Public Safety & Transportation: Scott Munson

MOTION: To support the proposed Winnetka Avenue bike lanes from Devonshire to Nordhoff. Discussion: Tim Freaux, P.E. City of Los Angeles Transportation Engineer Associate III, Bikeway Section-The traffic in both directions between Nordhoff and Devonshire can be handled by two lanes in each direction. The third lanes will have the parking restrictions removed and converted to bicycle

lanes. The bicycle land will eventually connect to the Orange Lane and go through to Pierce College. Glenn Bailey, City of Los Angeles Advisory Committee-He supports the changes and commented the lifting of the parking restriction will help businesses. Other speakers in support of the changes as an enhancement of bicyclist safety were Pedrum Parto, Steven Kitzes, Jesse Fuller, Don Ward and Matt Weintraub. **Motion to Approve: Linda van der Valk. Abstain: Richard Nadel. Motion carries (19 For).**

MOTION: To approve a letter to the City requesting that property owners be allowed to voluntarily limit smoking in apartments and condominiums. See Addendum II. **Motion to Approve: Linda van der Valk. Oppose: Jeff Hammond, Lucie Volotzky, Chuck Knolls. Motion carries (17 For).**

Discussion: Richard Nadel asked if a previous motion to spend up to \$300 on monitors for Chatsworth High School Special Education Department needed a motion to be rescinded since the money was not spent as the equipment was donated. Judi stated a new motion was not necessary.

(b) Outreach: Jelena Csanyi

MOTION: To allocate up to \$400.00 for two months of advertising for the “Unforgettable Educator Event.” The advertising package also includes promotion during the event and on the Chamber website. The Chamber newsletter will have a hyperlink with a counter to the CNC site. **Abstain: Vicki Briskman, Lucy Volotzky. Motion carries (18 For).**

(c) Community Enhancements: Richard Nadel, Jelena Csanyi

MOTION: To allocate up to \$500.00 for the purchase of e-readers for the Rancho San Antonio Library. **Motion Deferred to May.**

MOTION: To allocate up to \$500.00 for the purchase of an iPad and e-reader for the Chatsworth Public Library. **Motion Deferred to May.**

MOTION: To recommend to the CNC to utilize a funding specialist from DONE. **Motion Deferred to May following clarification.**

(d) Land Use: Linda van der Valk

Discussion: Discussion for a Rec. & Park pocket park at 10650 DeSoto at Chatsworth. The southeast corner is an eyesore. This parcel can be purchased and turned into a pocket park. The funding would be through the Proposition K grant. The community would be involved in the design. Grant writing is needed. **Motion to Approve: Jelena Csanyi. Adopted unanimously (20 for).**

(e) Equestrian: Mary Kaufman

(f) Beautification: Kamesh Aysola

(g) Legislative Committee – Matt Weintraub: Discussion deferred to next meeting.

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

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

(13) Adjournment: The April 4, 2012 CNC meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Addendum I:

CNC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 4/4/12

LAND USE	OUTREACH	ENHANCEMENTS	LEGISLATIVE
Linda van der Valk	Jim Van Gundy	Jelena Csanyi	Matt Weintraub
Andre' van der Valk	Jelena Csanyi	Dorothy Allison	Jeff Hammond
Jim Van Gundy	Carol Lucas	Kamesh Aysola	Linda Ross
Jelena Csanyi	Linda Ross	Linda Ross	Linda van der Valk
Mary Kaufman	Diana Dixon-Davis	Diana Dixon-Davis	Diana Dixon-Davis
Jeff Hammond		Richard Nadel	Erik Pampalone
Vicki Briskman			
Dan Huffman			
Judi Daniels			
Chuck Knolls			

VANC REP/DWP REP	BEAUTIFICATION	EQUESTRIAN	PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION
Scott Munson	Kamesh Aysola	Mary Kaufman	Scott Munson
	Vicki Briskman	Dorothy Allison	Carol Lucas
	Chuck Knolls	Carol Lucas	Erik Pampalone
	Lucy Volotzky	Dan Huffman	Matt Weintraub
		Linda van der Valk	Lucy Volotzky
			Mary Kaufman

Addendum II: PS&T Motion to approve a letter to the City requesting that property owners be allowed to voluntarily limit smoking in apartments and condominiums.

Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa
 Mayor, City of Los Angeles
 200 North Spring Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

DRAFT

The Honorable Mayor Villaraigosa,

Ms. Ellen Shiller, Executive Director of S.A.F.E. Smokefree Air For Everyone made a presentation to the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council’s Public Safety and Transportation Committee (PST Committee) regarding the regulation of secondhand smoke in apartments and condominiums. Ms. Shiller and S.A.F.E. have requested a letter of support regarding the passage of a Los Angeles City Ordinance regulating the use of tobacco use in apartments and condominiums. The PST Committee members have reviewed the provisions of the proposed model ordinance provided and believe that the provisions are in excess.

The State recently enacted legislation, SB 332, Chapter 264, Stats 2011, regarding smoking in rental

dwelling units. Civil Code Section 1947.5, effective January 1, 2012, states, in part, that a landlord of a residential dwelling unit may prohibit the smoking of a cigarette or other tobacco product on the property or in any building or portion of the building, including any dwelling unit, other interior or exterior area or the premises on which it is located. Civil Code Section 1940 defines a dwelling unit as a structure or the part of a structure that is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person who maintains a household or by two or more persons who maintain a common household.

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles work with apartment and condominium owners associations in encouraging property owners to voluntarily limit or eliminate smoking in their buildings. Workshops can be funded by using revenues collected from the permits issued for selling tobacco products within the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please contact Scott Munson, Chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee, at (818) 882-3203 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Cc: Councilman Mitch Englander