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Wednesday October 3, 2012 MINUTES FINAL

AGENDA

1 Call to order: 7:00 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, Mary Kaufman, Scott Munson, Erik Pampalone, Linda Ross, Linda Van der Valk, Andre Van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Excused: Dan Huffman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Richard Nadel,

Absent: Justin Weiss

There is a quorum.

2 Public Comments

(a) Fire Dept – Captain Buzz Smith

- Fire safety lines – Smoke detectors save lives
- Do not leave your children or dogs locked in a car
- Breast cancer awareness this month
- Brush fire – Maintain brush clearance around your home
- We have year round fire season
- We have on lease a hele-tanker – 2600 gallons per drop
- LA county leases another one
- Phony fire inspector scam
 - Gather information from business owners and sending a bill to the owner
 - Fire inspections are legitimate for businesses to help them with their fire safety, but make sure you see the badge or patch. Gain proper ID
 - LAFD.ORG
- How is community doing in the brush clearance – Are there properties not being cleared?



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- The majority of the properties are coo operative
- They get notices and will get cleared if they do not do it right away
- It can be referred if there is a problem a person sees
- (818) 756-8696 to get the number for brush clearance
- Are you cooking chili at Pioneer Day
 - Yes!

(b) Christie Sandavaul – Protective League

- Collective bargaining unit for the LAPD
- 10,000 officers that control LA
- Community Contact Cards
- You receive information about crime alerts, public safety information for city and safety first
- Safetyfirst.com
- Daily news – Chuck Knolls – Detective for department
- Prop 32 – In November
 - Opposed to 32
 - Presented as campaign finance reform
 - It portraits it produces a even playing field
 - Edging out unions to have a voice in Sacramento
 - It is an unfair advantage and unions will not be able to go to Sacramento to lobby
 - Disingenuous proposition
 - Financed by Charlie Munger Jr. – \$9M donated to push this through

(c) Brent Smiley

- Prop 30
 - No librarian at Lawrence
 - Prop 30 is good chance for school
 - ¼ cent sales tax
- LA Unified & Teachers Union under Local Control
 - Community closest to kids have the best understanding of what to do with the kids
 - Plan being written to transfer control to Lawrence
 - Where we are headed
 - Students are drawn from south and east



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- We are losing students to Hale and Nobel but they have “Charter” on their marquee
- Title I money – give schools money to poverty stricken kids – we could use \$5M
- The only way we can protect Lawrence is by changing to an affiliated charter
- A charter academy for entrepreneurial sciences
 - Teach kids to run small businesses
 - Create program working with business owners
 - To grow students to become the next business owners
 - Eventually want to link to Chatsworth High’s Business Academy
 - Eventually build to include CSUN’s business program
 - Creating a Business Plan - ...
 - Want to solicit the CNC help in the business community
 - Plan will be up in 8-10 weeks
 - School design team meets weekly

(d) Les Salay – Boy Scouts of America

- Thank you for the sponsorship of the 7th year of the Stoney Point Clean-up
 - Programs for children 8-10
 - “Get Dirty” T-Shirts
 - Two professionals will repel down the mountain this year
- Fire-Arms that look like real guns
 - Governor has signed a bill – any firearm that looks like a real gun will have to have major changes so offers can determine if there is a threat
- Boy Scouts are looking to make the city better

(e) Glenn Bailey

- Thank the Equestrian committee for getting the river rock moved under the 118 freeway at Topanga
- Chatsworth did not have elections this year
- Board member development session At Braudy Building 8-12:30 in Van Nuys – 126 page book for board members. Not ethics, not city attorney, - describing best practices for neighborhood council
- Mayor’s Budget Day
 - 2 representatives needed
 - Miguel Santana – State of the City Budget



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- Mayor's staff person has transferred to the Neighborhood Empowerment group, so there is a better commitment to the council
- Prop K Advisory Committee
 - Bond measure for funding city parks
 - Pocket Park at Chatsworth & Desoto
 - Chatsworth Park South and North
- Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee
 - Early City Notification
 - Valley Region – Valley Projects

(f) Jelena Csanyi

- Chatsworth Historical Society – Pioneer Day
- Chatsworth Auto – Saving his oak tree
 - Someone called and complained to the city
 - If he cuts it then it will kill the tree
 - Wants to save the tree

Scott

- Someone came to the PS&T and thought there was a problem
- PS&T asked city to inspect the tree
- There is minimal trunk. It is hollow.
- Mel, the owner is concerned that if he takes out the tree, then he may be fined by the city. Urban Forestry stated that he has to cut the tree down. It is a catch 22. Emergency permit to remove tree. He wants confirmation that he won't be sited if he takes the tree down. But he would like to keep the tree.

(g) Matt Weintraub

- Cic-la-via
 - City turns the city streets into a public park
 - Between 10-3 on Sunday

3 Announcements

(a) Vicki Briskman

- YMCA is having a food drive



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- Donate 20 cans and get a free portrait
- Vicki will take the cans up to the Y to help
- 300 Baskets will come to Chatsworth

(b) Jelena

- Pioneer Day at the Acre

(c) Dorothy Allison

- Horseback riding with Wendy Greuel
- You must have your own horse on November 10

(d) Lucie Volotzky

- This Saturday 10 am
- Disaster prep fair
- **October 14 – League of Women Voters will Win Generation Victory between Etiwanda and Victory**
- Holiday Express November 16th

(e) Tina Takata

- BBQ at the Acre – State Park – News and updates
- Tuesday the 16th – League of women voters
- Pasta Dinner – October 19 at 9:00 at St. Nicholas Church
- Festival of Trees from Northridge Hospital

4 Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2012

Minutes approved

5 LAPD Officer Report - Danny Del Valle

- The area was having a problem with GTA's – This month we had a decline
- Increase in commercial burglaries – Devonshire / Mason
 - Communication tower stuff was stolen



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- If you see people working on stuff at night – Please report it
- Had some arrests – Floated off Topanga Border – Regulator found in car because they saw water on the ground.
- Pioneer – Bringing Chili this year
- Shred-It at Balboa & Devonshire – Near Trader Joes
 - You can get your important documents shredded
- Average response time when call is placed to police station
 - Depends on type of call
 - Depends on time of call
- Canoga & Rinaldi – Racing & Stop Sign
- 27677@lapd.lacity.org - Danny's email
- There was a broken window at the Acre and Officer Salano was recognized by Linda van der Valk

6 Councilman Englander's Report - Megan Cottier, District Director

Megan was not able to attend meeting. Andre Van der Valk read notes on behalf of Megan.

- Get Chatsworth Park South Open
 - The single most important issue in Chatsworth
 - Third Thursday Open House – With State Department of Toxic Substance
 - Meeting is Thursday October 18 from 6-7:30 @ Mason Park Rec Center
 - They are putting additional fences up in CPS
 - They could be isolating so they can open up part of the Park
 - Playground is OK
- October 2nd
 - Retail Marijuana businesses
- Proposed DWP rate increase
- Pension reform lowering retirement factor to 75% maximum of compensation
- Controlling retiree health care cost

7 President's Report

- Certificate of Completion for Open Government – Andre received



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- Ethics training is there for people to take
- New website mock-up looks great

8 Motion Board Business

- Approve Expenditures: Presented by Vicki Briskman
- Seconded: Mary Kaufman
- Approved Unanimously

9 Motion Board Business

- YMCA: Vote to approve grant to YMCA for \$500
- Motion: Jelena Csanyi
- Seconded: Mary Kaufman
- Motion Carries
 - 16 in favor
 - 1 Recused - Not present for vote
 - Kamesh Aysola (YMCA Board Member)

Discussion: None

10 Motion Board Business

- Vote contingent on verification of rules – Vote to approve the historical society as a recipient of the grant for \$1250 for their archival work.
- Motion: Erik Pampalone
- Seconded: Kamesh Aysola
- Motion Carries
 - 9 in favor - Unanimous
 - 8 Recused - Not present for vote
 - Vicki Briskman (Historical Society Member)
 - Jelena Csanyi (Historical Society Board Member)
 - Diana Dixon-Davis (Historical Society Member)
 - Mary Kaufman (Historical Society Member)



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- Linda Ross (Historical Society Member)
- Andre Van der Valk (Historical Society Board Member)
- Linda Van der Valk (Historical Society Board Member)
- Lucie Volotzky (Historical Society Member)

Discussion: None

11 Motion Board Business

- Community Impact Statement
 - Representatives: Matt Weintraub, Judi Daniels and Linda Van der Valk
- Motion: Judi Daniels
- Seconded: Jim Van Gundy
- Motion Carries
 - Unanimous

Discussion

- Board takes an official action to announce to the city that an action has been taken
- We have not participated in CIS in the past
- We should care about a CIS because the LA City Council has the CNC on the agenda.
- This is our way to communicate with the entire LA City Council, not just Mitch's office
- There is a process for filing a CIS through the City Clerk (the generate the city council agenda, committee agendas)
- City Clerk will allow a certain number of people to file a CIS as an official action
- We need a motion to specify who can file a CIS
- The City Clerk requires this. We can have up to 5 people
- This issue came up when Matt discovered taking a stand on the bags. The official people are not on the board

12 Standing Committees

a Public Safety & Transportation

- Valley Alliance
 - Looking at the rates on DWP
 - True cost to Chatsworth is more than what they are saying in the papers
 - Mitch never talked about the rates in his opposition



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- Rate Payer advocate states rate increase needed
- Rates could quadruple today's rates by 2029
- We use AC's and we will pay for it
- New People on PS&T Committee
 - Jim Rham
 - Jesse Fuller
- Sierra Canyon Update
 - Sidewalk issue: We are back to the same issue of the sidewalk
- Solar Power
 - Scott looking into the true value and risks of scams out there
- Motion Committee Business
 - \$100 for printing
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
 - Discussion: None
- Motion Committee Business
 - \$500 for CNC Bike Rally
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
 - Discussion: None
- Motion Committee Business
 - Motion to approve letter asking about the Santa Susana Field Lab Cleanup study procedures
 - No Vote (Bringing back to Committee)
 - Discussion
 - Comments – Two letters could be created
 - One for limited scope to NASA
 - One for DOE addressing what should be in the EIS
 - We should not accuse the DOE of having a limited scope
 - If the project is done, it could mean a large number of trucks moving through the city
 - This might become parkland and may not require such stringent action
 - Would wind conditions in Chatsworth be a concern when trucking out?
 - Are artifacts being brought out of the area?
 - We are bringing the letters back to committee for Tina and Diana to create. Then PS&T will send the letters out.



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- Letters going to DOE & NASA

b Equestrian

- Motion Committee Business
 - Motion to approve 2013 Day of the Horse \$3250
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
 - Discussion
 - 750-1000 people last year
 - 10th Anniversary
- Motion Committee Business
 - \$100 Motion to approve for photocopies
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
 - Discussion: None
- Motion Committee Business
 - Motion to support proposed letter concerning water rates for those with horses
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
 - Discussion: None

C Beautification

- Motion Committee Business
 - Motion to spend \$600 for the maintenance of planters at Canoga/Devonshire
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
- Discussion: None



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d Land Use

- Will cancel Land Use on Oct 7 due to meeting conflict
- Motion Committee Business
 - Motion to support a zone variance to establish a custom vintage Ferrari and race car restoration facility and dealership in the MR zone
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
 - Discussion: None
- Motion Committee Business
 - Motion to write a letter to METRO concerning parking tickets
 - Motion Carries
 - Unanimous
 - Discussion
 - Glenn contacted Lynn Goldsmith who assured that no one would be ticketed. Send copy of letter to Lynn. She needs to be aware that what she has stated to the public is not being carried out.

e Legislative

- Matt – 7:00 AM – Porter Valley Country Club debate \$22

f Outreach

- Had a table at Family Festival
- Will be at disaster fair on Oct 6
- Will be at Pioneer Day

g Enhancements



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- No meeting

13 Board Member Comments

- Scott – VANC (already went over above)
- Glenn – New deputy mayor who oversees councils, Tory Osborne will be there
- Sherman Oaks Hospital

14 Meeting Adjourned