



CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda

(1) Call to order: 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Andre van der Valk

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Andre van der Valk, Judith Daniels, Vicki Briskman, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Daniel Huffman, Mary Kaufman, Scott Munson, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Matt Weintraub

Excused: Carol Lucas, Linda Ross, Lucie Volosky

Absent: Chuck Knolls, Richard Nadel

2) Public Comments

(a) Fire Station 96 Report, Captain Paul Nelson, March 29 – Accident on Rinaldi – Fire in car – 2 fatalities; Feb 28 – Plummer Soldering pipe; Dumpster Fires – A rash of fires; Street Races – Plummer & Owensmouth & Canoga, Call LAFD or LAPD if you see street racing; New Fire Captain Tu; Hydrant Testing completed; May 1st is Brush Unit inspection time – Look online for questions LAFD Brush Unit; Water Safety – Practice safety to avoid drowning

(b) **Assemblyman Bloomenfield's Office**, Rosalba – Governor Browns Release Of Criminal He is looking at the budget right now; Education Formula; Legislation – Going through committee this week; Sidewalk Repair will be heard in committee next week and go to the floor after that Veteran Bills – Nursing & EMT's to get them into the workforce

3) Announcements

(a) Paul Drapkin, National Association of Letter Carriers, Food Drive Saturday May 11th, Non-perishable items

(b) **Pre-School Opening**; Oakridge Preschool opened on Feb 25th. Open house April 4-9. 9:00 – 6:00. Ages 6wks to Kindergarten. Off Topanga & Devonshire. 10433 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

(c) Bea Berman – **Garden Festival** April 28th. 23 Year. Garden Societys', High Tea 11:30 – 1:30. Need help setup on Saturday morning at 9:00. Take down Sunday at 3:00. Need help.

(d) **FOTL April 20 – Book Sale**. Books are \$1 or \$0.50.

(e) **Nature Preserve** – April 7th 10:00 – 3:00. Guided hikes every 15 min.

(f) **Bridal Path Cleanup** – April 27th – Church is helping to clean up.

(4) Approval of Minutes – Deferred until next month. Carol is out of town.

(5) LAPD Report

Danny DelValle, Devonshire – **Walk Against Crime** April 22nd Walk around Mason Park – Signify that the neighborhoods are involved. Start up watches; **May 1st – Devonshire Day of Prayer** – Wednesday at 9:00 in front of Devonshire Station killed in the line of duty. Honor guard & bagpipers, flyover. Read off of officers and how they were killed.; **20th annual Pancake Breakfast** – SOLID @ 8:00 AM on May 18th –



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With Station tours. Armed forces day that day also. Will bring their artillery. Car Show. \$8.00 per person. Kids 8 & under eat free.; **Kidnapped Girl** – Last week. The individual is still at large. Has significant amount of tattoos on his body. Superman on his chest., Watch how much your windows or sliders are opened.; **11400 Topanga Block** – Self-inflicted gunshot wound. Apparent suicide; **Carbon Monoxide** – Accidental death from BBQ in doors; 27677@lapd.lacity.org - Danny's email address; **Crime**, Burglary & Theft – Vehicles Up 20%; GTA – Up 13%; Overall crime was down - 7.7%

6) Councilman Englanders Office

Megan Cottier – District Director; **Horse Water Rates** - Thank you to community – 2 members of the CNC spoke about water rates for horses today. 2014-2015 rates may change then; **Mural Ordinance** - CNC Received April 18th – Neighborhood Council – Open to three members of CNC.

Councilmember has some concerns about the single family homes; **April 27th – Cleanups**

Meeting in Chatsworth Park North in the morning. Cleanup of the park. Historical Olive Tree Trimming on Lassen. 9:00 – 11:30. Lunch from Macaroni Grill; **Community Service Center**

Up and running. Invite people to meet with city departments; **Chatsworth Park South**

Public Comment March 23rd – April 22nd. Three Alternatives.

- a) Do nothing
- b) 15M
- c) 7M

7) President's Report

Election of Officers and Reformation of Committees

President: Andre van der Valk: Dorothy Allison moves, Mary Kaufman 2nd. Unanimous. Andre Abstained

Vice-President: Judith Daniels: Mary Kaufman moves, Matt Weintraub 2nd. – Unanimous.

Secretary: Carol Lucas: Linda van der Valk Moves, Erik Pampalone 2nd – Unanimous

Treasurer: Vicki Briskman: Erik Pampaone moves, Jim Van Gundy 2nd – Unanimous

Formulation of Committees

Beautification: Vicki, Kamesh, Chuck, George, Mary (if needed)

Enhancements: Jelena, Dorothy, George

Equestrian: Carol, Mary, Linda v, Dorothy, Dan, Vicki

Land Use: Linda v, Andre, Mary, Diana, Jelena, Judi, Vicki, Jeff, Jim, George

Legislative: Carol, Matt, Diana, Linda v, Linda R, Erik

Outreach: Diana, Jelena, Jim

PST: Carol, Matt, Mary, Diana, Scott, Erik

Unanimous vote on all committees

Board Member Retreat

June 1st Saturday at 8:30 – 12:00 @ Chatsworth Hotel



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8) Expenditures –

Move to approve – Unanimous

9) By Law Discussions

Judi – Changing of By Laws: 100% of us have 4-year terms. Our next election we would all run for 4-year term. We used to have staggered terms. If we don't change our by laws we will not have a staggered term.

Changes to Approve:

- Language about how we hold elections
- Abstentions get counted – The majority of the people present.
- Language concerning absences, removal and censure
- Training required

10) General Board Election for 2014 Discussion

Judi – Mayor has decided the city does not have the money to pay for elections in 2014. The mayor wants to charge the neighborhood council for elections. City attorney can move to 5-year term for councils. This is still being determined. We don't have a choice on when the election will take place. We could have a town hall selection instead of an election. We can do that if we don't want to wait for an election.

11) Board Member Motions

Vice Squad Letter

Send letter to the Vice Squad at Devonshire Division about the proliferation of businesses providing sexual acts in exchange for money. Send with Attention to: Captain Pitcher, Sergeant Dave Neville and City Attorney Vanessa Alvarado. Erik Moves, Mary Seconded, Unanimous Vote, Motion Carries.

Fire Dept Spending For Tools and Weight Bench

Motion to Increase funding to fire department to \$1,500 for tools and a weight bench; Scott Moved, Linda van der Valk Seconded, Unanimous Vote, Motion Carries.

Safety Whistles & Instructions

Motion to approve \$200 for safety whistles and printed instructions. Scott Moved – Diana Seconded, Unanimous Vote, Motion Carries.

CJBL Year Book

Motion to spend \$500 on advertisement in Chatsworth Junior Baseball League yearbook; Jim Moved, Scott Seconded, Unanimous Vote, Motion Carries.

12) Standing Committees



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a) PST – Motion to send letter to city about Oakdale between Lassen & Plummer Letter. Unanimous.
Motion to pay \$400 for insurance for the COLT Bike. Unanimous. Obtain feedback from CNC for COLT website.

b) Outreach – Jim Van Gundy: April 7th is Earth Day at the Nature Preserve. April 14th Day of the Horse.

c) Legislative – Matt Weintraub: Meeting to change to 4:00 on the Third Wednesday of the month.

d) Beautification – Vicki: No committee meeting

e) Equestrian – April 14th. Need volunteers to help with pedestrian traffic & cleanup.

f) Enhancements – No meeting.

g) Land Use - No meeting.

13) Board Member Comments

None

VANC: Judi and Scott will be representing.

14) Adjournment

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