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## MAY 1, 2013 - APPROVED

### Agenda

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

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

#### **Roll Call:**

**In Attendance:** Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Scott Munson, Richard Nadel, George Nelson, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Matt Weintraub

**Excused:** Judith Daniels, Linda Ross, Lucie Volotzky, Erik Pampalone

**Absent:** Daniel Huffman

There is a quorum.

### **2) Public Comments**

**(a)** Chatsworth to Van Nuys Double-Track Project-Mark Dierking, Metro Community Relations Manager Regional Communications; Don Sepulveda, Executive Officer Regional Rail; Justin Wheeler, Project Manager: The double track project will increase efficiency and enhance safety at nine existing at grade crossings. The preliminary engineering and environmental document is completed. The project is slated for completion October 2016. They will provide a follow-up presentation in six months.

**(b)** National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive-Paul Drapkin, Senior V.P. National Association of Letter Carriers: The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual largest single-day food drive will take place Saturday, May 11, 2013. Place non-perishable food items by your mailbox. The food will be donated to the Partners of Hope Food Bank at the United Methodist Church. FISH will receive a portion of the donations.

**(c)** The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center-Glen Kovacs, Community Relations Manager; David McDaniel, Lieutenant Administrator: The Center provides adult males six months of rehabilitation for free. The Center receives donations and recycles what they cannot use. The donation drop-off box at 10854 Topanga Boulevard will be moved.

### **3) Announcements**

**(a)** Annual Rancho San Antonio Open House: There will be a BBQ and Classic Car Show on May 5, 2013.

**(b)** Valley Family Festival, Northridge Park, May 31-June 2, 2013: Presented by Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Kiwanis Club of Northridge and L.A. Department of Recreation & Parks. Admission is free.

**(c)** Bike-to-Work Day, May 16, 2013. Jesse is collecting ideas for the L.A. City Planning Mobility Element. Contact him at [jeshi@gmail.com](mailto:jeshi@gmail.com) by May 6, 2013.

**(d)** Lawrence Middle School: The PTSA invites all to celebrate the school's 45<sup>th</sup> year on Thursday, May 23, 2013 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the library.

**(e)** FISH Food Bank, 20440 Lassen St: Volunteers are needed on May 11, 2013 to sort food from the Postal Carriers Food Drive.

**(f)** Citrus Sunday, May 5, 2013: Bring citrus donations to Fire Station 96 on Marilla Street between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm.

**(g)** Chatsworth Northridge Patch: Arin Mikailian is transitioning to Editor.

### **(4) Approval of Minutes**

The March and April 2013 draft Minutes were approved with minor changes.



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## **(5) LAPD Report**

Danny DelValle, Devonshire: Not in attendance.

## **6) Councilman Englanders Office**

Megan Cottier – District Director: .•Thank you to CNC for involvement in the multiple events occurring in Chatsworth.  
•Councilman Englander is involved in reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget. Additional details are in the Councilman's newsletter. •Councilman Englander introduced a motion for review of the capability and compatibility of the DOT ATSAC and the LAPD surveillance systems. •Councilman Englander is pushing the merger of the Planning and Building & Safety departments to streamline the permitting process. •Megan will follow up to see why notifications are coming to Linda van der Valk with less than one week's notice.

## **7) President's Report**

Board Member Retreat Discussion: The Retreat will be on Saturday, June 15, 2013, 8:30am-12:00pm at the Chatsworth Hotel.

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

**Moved: Vicki Briskman. Second: Scott Munson. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**

**Motion:** to approve NPGs for Family Festival \$1000.00, Police Department \$1500.00, Fire Department \$1500.00 and Neighborhood Watch \$250.00.

**Moved: Vicki Briskman. Second: Dorothy Allison. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**

## **9) Board Member Motions**

**Motion:** to spend up to \$2000.00 for cleaning up the Olive Trees on Lassen Street west of Topanga with unspent funds.

**Moved: Linda van der Valk. Second: Jelena Csanyi. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**

**Motion:** to allocate up to \$500 from unspent funds for the Congress of Neighborhoods.

**Moved: Jelena Csanyi. Second: Carol Lucas. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**

**Motion:** to send a letter asking that residential homes not be included in the Mural Arts Ordinance. **Moved: Linda van der Valk. Second: Vicki Briskman. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**

**Motion:** approve a change to allow the previously approved \$400.00 Bike Rally insurance funds to also be used for ancillary expenses. **Moved: Scott Munson. Second: Matt Weintraub. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**

**Motion:** to approve \$2,300.00 on a custom-made canopy with CNC logo.

**Moved Jelena Csanyi. Second: Dorothy Allison. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**

## **10) Standing Committees**

a) Equestrian, Mary Kaufman: DOTH - There were between 1000-1600 attendees. This is a CNC event and more participation is needed by Board members.

b) Beautification, Kamesh Aysola:

**Motion:** To approve up to \$4000.00 for landscaping and placing a bench in the front planter at Fire Station 96 on Marilla.

**Moved: Kamesh Aysola. Oppose: Diana Dixon-Davis. Motion carries (15 For).**

c) Public Safety & Transportation, Scott Munson:

**Motion:** Approve an additional \$100.00 for safety whistles.

**Moved: Scott Munson. Adopted Unanimously (16 For).**



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**Motion:** Approve a letter requesting inclusion of a Park Director for Chatsworth Park South in the next Los Angeles budget.

**Moved: Scott Munson. Oppose: Richard Nadel. Motion carries (15 For).**

**Motion:** Approve a letter to LADOT regarding traffic signal problems at Topanga Boulevard and Devonshire Street.

**Moved: Scott Munson. Oppose: Richard Nadel. Motion carries (15 For).**

d) Outreach, Jim Van Gundy:

**Motion:** To spend up to \$200.00 for advertising CNC at PALS Golf Tournament utilizing a full page ad in the PALS brochure plus a tell sign on one hole.

**Moved: Jim Van Gundy. Adopted Unanimously.**

**Motion:** To make changes to the newly printed brochures and bookmarks to correct the Legislative Committee date and time.

**Motion Tabled.**

e) Land Use, Linda van der Valk:

**Motion:** To approve "AnyTime Gym" to be located in the old pharmacy building at the Ralph's Shopping Center contingent on it not opening up Specific Plan.

**Moved: Linda van der Valk. Adopted Unanimously.**

**Motion:** 19851 Nordhoff Street-To approve a zone variance for a proposed rock climbing facility in a MR1 zone.

**Moved: Linda van der Valk. Adopted Unanimously.**

f) Legislative, Matt Weintraub: No meeting.

g) Enhancement, Jelena Csanyi & Richard Nadel: No meeting.

### **11) Board Member Comments**

Scott Munson: Board member elections will be in the Spring 2014. Vicki Briskman stated the CNC will need to vote in the funds (\$2000.00) to cover the election.

### **Land Use Update - May 1, 2013**

21407 – 21525 Devonshire, The Ralph's shopping center is going to go through a 3 million dollar renovation. The shopping center owner is looking for new tenants. Anytime Gym would like to open in the old Chatsworth Pharmacy Building. It is a gym that is staffed certain hours a day and then you would have a key pad that would allow you entry at any time. We questioned the safety of that but it is more an operational issue that we do not get into. Parking concerns were discussed and we were told because of 24 hour access there is never a lot of people at any one time. It is considered a boutique gym. They will be no pool or spa. They came to us because they feel they need an exception from the Topanga/Devonshire Specific Plan. It is not excluded in the wording but it is not mentioned either. A City Planner told them they could file for an exception for the cost of \$18,000.00

The motion is to approve the concept of a limited size gym contingent that such use would not open the Specific Plan for addition changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

19851 Nordhoff Place Carlo Chersier presented the concept of a rock climbing facility that also would have yoga and spinning classes. The goal is to teach safe climbing techniques and provide a place for youth. The Zone is MR1 so a



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variance is required. It was pointed out that they have one a CSUN but their wall is fixed in how they are laid out and hours are restricted. We were told that he wants to be able to change the layout of the walls giving a different work out or challenge.

The motion was to approve zone variance to allow the rock climbing facility.

9733 – 9835 Mason, We heard a proposal from Kaiser for a Medical Office Building at this site. The parcel is 8.42 acres. Current zoning is industrial MR1 which precludes medical office building and they would need a zone change for their project. A 3 story building, 83,000 sq. feet, 468 parking spaces, with 57 offices planned. Generally their type of Medical Office building is open 8 AM - 5 PM. They will have a stepped back design because they are close to a residential neighborhood on the east side of Mason. No urgent or emergency care will be given there. They are planning a community room, café and healthy living store onsite. They are also planning a walking trail with park like surroundings. Landscape will use drought resistant plants and they would like to support local artists. There has not been a traffic study yet. Most members come in during 15-20 intervals during the day.

Adequate parking is important to them because of customer satisfaction. We expressed concern with 3 stories and they said they were not opposed to 2 stories. They were asked if they could do Spanish Colonial or Western like what is required on Devonshire and they said yes. They had built a western style building in San Dimas

We discussed in general that we could support this location for a medical office building but did not take a vote. The committee requested that Kaiser set up a meeting with neighbors (especially residential neighbors) and presentations to nearby community members. Since the meeting they were going to check with St. John Eudes for a meeting room. One thought was that we would be losing all the shops in that shopping center. With the whole 8.42 acres for sale and zoned industrial there was the potential to get a building that would be 61 feet high and the twice the size.

### **14) Adjournment**

9:45pm.