



# CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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August 7, 2013

Special Location: Fire Station 96, 21800 Marilla Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311

## 1. Call To Order @ 7:00 PM and Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

Present: Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Scott Munson, Richard Nadel, George Nelson, Erik Pampalone, Linda Ross, Linda van der Valk, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub

Excused: Judith Daniels, Carol Lucas, Daniel Huffman, Jim Van Gundy

## 2. Public Comments

Jeannie Plumb: Input on the Community Plan for the trail on the North Rim

Lucie Volotzky: 20/20 came to do a simulated emergency

Vicki Briskman: Kid's Gym

Erik Pampalone: West End Art Walk

Teena Takata: County Trails Plan

Teena: Chatsworth Park South has a director. \$1M in Engineering. \$6M is still needed

Teena: NASA has drafted an EIS report.

Bea Berman: Chatsworth Historical Society Pioneer Day. Need Chili Cooks. Need people to help.

## 3. Announcements

4. Approval of June 2013 & June Retreat Minutes: Move: Mary Kaufman. 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Munson. Unanimous (17)

5. LAPD Officer Report – Danny del Valle (No Report)

6. Councilman Englander's Office – Megan Cottier provided an overview later in the meeting.

## 7. President's Report

Selection discussion for March 2014

**Motion:** Motion to approve a "Selection" Process to our bylaws for the third Saturday in March, in the case of a religious holiday, the fourth Saturday in March, starting in 2014. Move: Scott Munson 2<sup>nd</sup> George Nelson. Unanimous (17).

Discussion:

Linda van der Valk: Bob Dager has agreed to chair the Selection Committee.

## 8. Expenses

**Motion:** To approve June & July monthly CNC expenditures and other financial matters: Move: Scott Munson: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Kaufman. Jelena Csanyi Abstained.

Discussion:

Jelena Csanyi: Kiwanis was sent two \$1000 checks. Only one motion for \$1000 was approved. Jelena asked that the Treasurer investigate if Kiwanis actually received \$2000 instead of \$1000.

Jelena Csanyi believes it was irresponsible for the CNC to let \$4100.98 go back to the city.

9. Board Member Motions:

To write a letter to Councilman Englander concerning the draining of the eco pond at the Chatsworth Nature Preserve: Linda van der Valk

Discussion

Teena: DWP has been draining the pond because it is full of silt. Once they dry out the pond they won't put water back into most of the pond. They are going to remove the vegetation around the pond.

It would have a major impact on migratory birds and wildlife.

Community asked that DWP consult with Fish & Wildlife

A helipad with fire hydrant was installed within the last five years at the Chatsworth Nature Preserve.

**Motion:** To draft a letter to DWP, Fish & Wildlife and CD-12 and include the following points. Move: 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
CNC Requests that DWP revise their plan for the ecology pond (detention basin) remediation as presented on the attached diagram, and make the remediation more favorable to wildlife. (Motion was moved to the end of the meeting to allow for revision. The motion was not voted on due to lack of time.)

The plan needs to be more oriented toward retention of existing wetland habitat and more supportive of area wildlife and waterfowl. The pond area after remediation should be substantially similar to existing size. Requests for siphons or other features for use of the pond by LAFD in emergencies should be incorporated in the plan.

**Motion:** To allocate up to \$500.00 to pay for food or purchase items for gift bag for The Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair Oct 5, 2013: Jim Van Gundy  
Move: Jelena Csanyi, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Diana Dixon-Davis. Unanimous (17).

**Motion:** To allocate \$650.00 for CNC participation in the Chatsworth Chamber's Family Festival: Kamesh Aysola  
Move: Kamesh Aysola: TABLED

**Motion:** To allocate \$350.00 for CNC advertisement at the Chatsworth Chamber's Family Festival Event in Sept.: Jelena Csanyi  
Move: Jelena Csanyi, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Kaufman. Recuse: Vicki Briskman. Motion passes (16).  
Discussion: None

**Motion:** To work with the budget as set to DONE and make all CNC funds not already earmarked for available to committees for projects approved by the board: Jelena Csanyi

Discussion: TABLED to next meeting

**Motion:** To allocate \$3,250.00 plus tax for stand alone battery operated portable PA and \$200.00 plus tax for multi cart to transport PA system: Matt Weintraub

Discussion: CNC PA is difficult. New PA would be efficient for all the events we throw. Battery would have to be replaced every 2-4 years.

TABLED for further discussion later.

**Motions concerning Sierra Canyon:**

**Equestrian Motion:** To approve present Sierra Canyon’s plan regarding the Equestrian Trail and sidewalk with the addition of three points. **PS&T Motion:** To approve the sidewalk and Equestrian Trail within the 25’ DWP easement contingent upon five condition/changes. **Land Use Motion:** To approve the sidewalk and Equestrian Trail as presented which showed a 10ft sidewalk if allowed by planning.

Discussion:

*Sierra Canyon:* Presented updates that took into consideration input from the three committees: Equestrian, Land Use and Public Safety & Transportation. Regarding two obstructions on sidewalk, Sierra Canyon felt the cost of moving the obstructions should not be the responsibility of the school.

Sierra Canyon on the horse/pedestrian transition point at Desoto.

*“The equestrian trail is comprised of decomposed granite from Independence Ave in the west to a point 16’ from the easterly boundary of the trail at DeSoto Ave. The final 16 feet of equestrian trail length is paved with concrete to give horses a stable surface before crossing at the crosswalk. The paved sidewalk surface at the southwest corner of Rinaldi and DeSoto measures approximately 24’ x 30’ to allow horses and pedestrians to mix on a solid surface while waiting for a crossing light.”*

*Board & Public:* Overall input was satisfactory. All but two requests (obstructions and curb) brought up by the three committees were addressed and/or captured in the new drawings. Concerns remained from bicyclists regarding the two obstructions on the sidewalk, the guy wire and air/vacuum valve.

**Motion:** Support the proposal as presented with concerns about two safety obstructions, the guy wire and air/vacuum value within the 12’ mixed use (pedestrian and bike) sidewalk. Move: Linda van der Valk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kamesh Aysola. Unanimous (17).

10. Standing Committees (Not covered due to lack of time)

- a. Equestrian: Mary Kaufman
- b. Beautification: Kamesh Aysola
- c. PS&T: Scott Munson
- d. Outreach: Jim van Gundy: Motion: To allocate \$1800.00 for CNC Polo Shirts and volunteer DOTH T-Shirts.
- e. Legislative: Matt Weintraub
- f. Enhancement: Jelena Csanyi & Richard Nadel To allocate \$3,500.00 for Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains.

11. Board member comments / reports VANC : Scott Munson (Not covered due to lack of time)

12. Adjournment at 9:03 PM