

**CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2012 MINUTES FINAL**

AGENDA

(1) Call to order: 7:05 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, Dan Huffman, Mary Kaufman (7:15), 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.

Excused: Justin Weiss.

Absent: Chuck Knolls.

There is a quorum.

(2) Public Comments:

(a) Rosalba Gonzalez, Field Representative for Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield: •The governor signed legislation authored by Bob Blumenfield providing Los Angeles with expanded power to ban all types of mobile billboards. Contact his office to report violations. •Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield is co-hosting a "Cash for College Workshop" with Congressman Howard L. Berman on Saturday, February 4 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Canoga Park FamilySource Center. The workshop aims to help San Fernando Valley high school students find out if they are eligible for college financial assistance.

(b) Maximillan Reyes, Senior Field Representative for State Senator Fran Pavley: •Senator Pavley formed a task force to search for solutions to keep the Los Encinos State Historic Park from closure due to state budget cuts. In December, an anonymous Valley family donated \$150,000 to keep the park open through 2012. •Diana Dixon-Davis, CNC Board, requested Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield and Senator Fran Pavley co-sponsor legislation to indemnify park volunteer groups from insurance requirements.

(c) Clara Woll: CNC is sponsoring a First Aid and CPR class free of charge to the community on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Chatsworth Library Community Room. The First Aid session will be held from 10:00 to 1:00 P.M. followed by a 30 minute break. The CPR session will start at 1:30 and conclude at 4:30 P.M. The classes are full although those interested in attending will be put on a waiting list.

(e) Ms. Lopez, Teacher Lawrence Middle School: On January 28, 2012 Lawrence Middle School held an electronic waste recycling event as a fundraiser. The school received money based on the pounds of electronic waste collected. The school is considering another holding electronic waste collection event before the end of the school year.

(f) Kamesh Aysola: Discussed OneLA, a broad-based organizing network in Los Angeles working with community institutions to create change in the issues affecting families. He states their goal is making health care affordable for small businesses and mortgage reform to help with the foreclosure mess in the valley.

(g) Diana Dixon-Davis: Discussed re-districting on the local level. She is well-versed in the criteria for the Voting Rights Act due to her 20 years of involvement. On Saturday, February 4th, 2012, at Pierce College there will be community hearings on redistricting. She provided a handout summarizing the Voting Rights Act.

(h) Linda van der Valk: Daniel Wiseman from the West Hills Neighborhood Council expressed his opinion the Chatsworth Nature Preserve should reside in their Council District 3 rather than split with Council District 12.

(3) Announcements:

(a) Jelena Csanyi: •Dorothy Allison and her pony won second place in costume; the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council won first place in the Vintage Car category; the Chatsworth Historical Society won second place in the Vintage Car category; Ralph's won first place in the Antique Car category. •The Friends of the Chatsworth Library Movie Night will be February 28, 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. and feature "The Help."

(b) Andre' van der Valk: The Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council has requested the CNC submit nominations for the Chatsworth Citizen Youth Volunteer Service Award. Andre' asked for a volunteer to spearhead the nomination process. Kamesh accepted. •The Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Monte Carlo Night" on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Porter Valley Country Club to recognize the outgoing and incoming presidents. The 2012 award recipients will also be announced, of which: Vicki Briskman has been nominated for Outstanding Community Service; the Chatsworth Historical Society has been nominated for Non-Profit of the Year; and, All About Printing has been nominated for Business of the Year. •The LA For Kids Prop K Program has released its Request For Proposals (RFP) for 2013-2016 and announced the availability of \$26 million in funds to assist agencies with capital programs to offset the decay of the infrastructure for parks, recreation centers, child care and community centers. Andre' posed the possibility of requesting funds to remediate the lead contamination at Chatsworth Park South. Megan Cottier explained this RFP acts like a bond and was passed by voters fifteen years ago. It alternates between competitive and specific bid cycles. This RFP is competitive and the Chatsworth Park cleanup would not be a good candidate since the final amount needed for the remediation is not known. The final cost is estimated to be greater than \$1 million and RFP's have not been awarded at this level. CD12 has received awards in the past for the Mason Park Child Care Center and the gym floor at Chatsworth Park South.

(c) Captain Bud Smith, Firefighters Eric Mendoza and Scott Pike, Fire Station 96: Invited the public to visit the station and provided a briefing on recent activities. In January, physical testing of 2000 feet of hose was conducted and greater than 1000 fire hydrants. The firemen explained they electronically document patient information as part of their response procedures. The data provides the medical centers with the patient information and also synchs with the cellular network. Station 96 is ahead of the regulatory requirement for all medical data to be in electronic form.

(4) Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2011: The minutes were approved as submitted.

(5) LAPD Officer Report – Danny Del Valle: Danny Del Valle was not present.

(6) Councilman Englander's Office - Megan Cottier, District Director: •Announced Councilman Englander was instrumental in the closure of medical marijuana shops in Chatsworth and the last one was just shut down. • On Saturday, February 4, 2012 there will be a re-districting hearing at Pierce College to discuss the proposed map. Information on the meetings and workshops can be found on the website www.redistricting2011.lacityorg. The Los Angeles Times has an application comparing the current district map to the proposed version. •Herb Wesson is the Chair of the City Council. Councilman Englander remains the Chair of Public Safety and is the Vice-Chair of Budget and Finance. He is now on the Planning and Land Use Committee instead of Public Works. •The DWP 3% ratepayer increase passed today although subject to review by the Ratepayer Advocate. Councilman Englander opposed the increase and will not approve any increase without prior review by the Ratepayer Advocate. •Scott asked the final cost of the cleanup and repair associated with the "Occupy LA" event at City Hall

and future actions by Councilman Englander. Megan reported the cost at \$2.3 million and stated Councilman Englander strongly supports our First Amendment rights but also recognized the importance of a fair process to taxpayers on the use of public facilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

(7) President's Report: •The Committees will be reformulated in April. Attendance by committee members is an important consideration. There will not be an election. Andre' mentioned he would not take issue with anyone assuming the position of CNC President. •The Committee Chairs are to check the balance of the Committee funds for expenditures and present motions for effective use of the money.

(8) MOTION: As Presented by Treasurer, Vicki Briskman, to Approve Monthly CNC Expenditures and Other Financial Matters. Richard Nadel moved to accept the CNC expenditures as presented. Seconded by Jim van Gundy. Motion carries (19 For). Adopted unanimously. Discussion: Vicki stated each committee needs to review their project expenses against their outstanding balances. She is allocating \$400 to each committee and retaining \$700 for office supplies (file cabinets).

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

(a) Public Safety & Transportation: Scott Munson

MOTION(REVISED): To recognize Scott's efforts to pursue an agreeable design of the Sierra Canyon Sports Field project as suitable for the needs of Sierra Canyon, DWP, MWD and Equestrian Committee. The CNC will review the recommendation for consideration of support. **Motion to Approve: Eric Pampalone. Seconded: Richard Nadel. Motion carries unanimously (19 For).**

Discussion-Letter sent to Jim Skrumbis, Sierra Canyon School, 2/3/2012

Subj: Athletic Field--Horse Trail and Sidewalk

Hello Jim. I thought I would clarify Scott Munson's involvement in the Horse Trail and Sidewalk portion of Sierra Canyon's Athletic Field since our CNC minutes have not yet been posted. Scott has volunteered to use his expertise, background and experience with MWD and DWP in order to mitigate a usable plan for a 24 hour trail and sidewalk acceptable to your School and the community. The CNC does not want to delay your efforts with any of your projects. Scott will advise the CNC Board of his recommendation, along with your concurrence before any formal approval is granted by either entity. Thanks, Andre van der Valk

(b) Outreach: Jelena Csanyi

MOTION: To spend \$200.00 for sponsorship of the VANC Mixer to be held on March 8, 2012.

Motion carries unanimously (19 For).

MOTION: To spend up to \$500.00 for a CNC wall display to be placed on the wall in the lobby of the Train Depot offices. **Motion carries unanimously (19 For).**

MOTION: CNC to allocate up to \$2,100.00 for one year for a banner ad in the Chatsworth Patch; funding is to be shared by all Council Committees. **Motion Tabled.** Discussion: Eric will speak with Kevin at the Patch on pricing and commitment and review advertising possibilities in conjunction with the building of the CNC website.

BOARD MEMBER MOTION: To combine all remaining committee funds not yet allocated plus other available CNC funds and allow any committee to propose a complete project with full cost breakdown no later than the April board meeting. Jelena Csanyi. **Motion Withdrawn.**

(c) Community Enhancements: Richard Nadel, Jelena Csanyi

BOARD MEMBER MOTION: To purchase two flat screen monitors, not to exceed \$300, for Chatsworth High School Special Education Department. **Motion to Approve: Richard Nadel. Seconded: Mary Kaufman. Against: Scott Munson. Motion carries (18 For).** Discussion: Judith stated she believes Neighborhood Councils must fill out a grant in order to provide items to schools.

(d) Land Use: Linda van der Valk

MOTION: 20833-20839 Nordhoff Street. To approve a zone variance for expansion and continued use for Fusion Motorsports. **Motion carries (19 For). Adopted unanimously.** Discussion: Fusion Motorsports is a high end motor service shop. The owner owns both shops and is requesting a zone variance to expand in to his other building for auto sales of high end cars. The cars will all be stored indoors and there will not be any paging system and the operating hours are generally 7 am to 6 pm weekdays, 8:00 A.M.to 4:00 P.M. Saturdays and closed on Sunday. The present service operation is first class and it is expected that the auto sales would be the same. The present zoning is MR2, with the variance the underlying zone stays intact and the committee felt that this was a good use of this piece of property. The motion is to support Fusion Motorsports in their request for a zone variance to operate an auto sale and service center for high end vehicles.

MOTION: 10239 ½ Vassar Street. To disapprove the request for the replacement of a 40' monopole with a 45' monopalm or slim line pole 3' in diameter. **Motion carries (19 For). Adopted unanimously.** Discussion: A hearing was held for a cell tower replacement and an increase of five feet to 45' for a new wireless facility. The applicant had presented a monopalm to the hearing officer but they had not come to Land Use committee before hearing and were instructed by hearing officer to come to a meeting. Applicant came to December meeting and proposed a monoelm because I had told her we wanted something better than a monopalm. She had said that she just kind of picked the monopalm idea herself. The Committee asked for a little more creativity and for the applicant to return in January with pictures of different options. At the January meeting the applicant brought a picture of a 3' in diameter slim line pole. It looked like a smoke stack. The motion is to deny the request for a new wireless facility and just keep what they have. It is a 40' tower that is not disguised as anything but the committee felt that was the better option.

MOTION: 10166 & 10168 Mason Honshu Sushi Restaurant, Von's Shopping Center. To support the expansion of existing restaurant and expansion of existing CUB. **Motion carries (19 For). Adopted unanimously.** Discussion: The number of dining tables will increase to 78 from 27. There is an existing CUB. The expansion of the restaurant requires an expansion of the CUB. The applicant is Honshu Sushi and they are seeking a CUP for the expansion of the restaurant into the site next door which was vacated by small gym. They are also seeking an expansion of their CUB for the sale of beer and wine. The motion is to support the request for both the expansion of the restaurant and CUB.

Other Items of Discussion: Sierra Canyon made a presentation of Phase 2 for the Athletic Field. There were questions about the widening of Chatsworth Street that is a condition for Sierra Canyon. The neighbors have gotten an attorney to talk to DOT about the widening. The neighbors will lose twenty feet of frontage. There is a question if the property is an easement or belongs to the city already. The committee felt that possibly the installation of a left turn signal would be adequate in controlling the problem with traffic rather than take the frontage from the neighbors. A motion was made to write a letter to Councilman concerning allowing the school to receive their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy before the street was widened to allow neighbors a chance to work things out but that we would like the left hand turn signal be installed as soon as possible. The committee also made a point

of saying if city determines that the street needs to be widened the school would still be financially responsible. A letter was not sent out because this was explained to the Councilman in person and the school has already received their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

The McDonald's sign appears larger because of its lower placement. Discussions will be held with McDonald's on possible changes.

At the January 26, 2012 meeting of the City Planning Commission the planning commission approved the CUP for Chatsworth Hills Academy.

Letter of Clarification dated January 30, 2012 from Maureen L. Levitt regarding her issues concerning Sierra Canyon Athletic Field located at 11047 N. DeSoto Avenue, CA (CPC 2008-3537-CU).

To: Chatsworth Neighborhood Council

I heard there are some misunderstandings of my comments/issues regarding the Sierra Canyon Athletic Field.

For the record:

- 1) I want the Equestrian Trail (Condition A.1.i) and the Public sidewalk (Condition B.58.a and c.) located outside the boundary fence of the athletic field and parking lot.
- 2) The entire athletic field and parking lot should be completely secured by fencing and locking gates.
- 3) All ingress and egress (Condition A.2.1) to the site shall be from DeSoto Avenue. This Condition was added to minimize the impact of students and game/event attendees from parking in the neighborhood south and west of the site. If access is readily available from the west it would encourage parking in the neighborhood south and west of the field. This would be detrimental to the community. This neighborhood is already inundated with parking and traffic from the Elementary School.
- 4) And per Condition B.49, a six-foot solid masonry wall should be constructed between the parking lot and the public sidewalk, equestrian trail and residential land at the south end of the site. This Condition was added to block the line of sight between the parking lot surface and the land south of the site. It also helps mitigate noise from the parking lot.

Maureen L. Levitt
10946 Independence Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

(e) Equestrian: Mary Kaufman

Discussion: •Day of the Horse will be April 22, 2012 at Stoney Point Ranch. The poster contest will be announced and judging will be held prior to DOTH at the Train Depot. Everyone is welcome to come and help judge the entries. •Jeannie Plumb asked if anyone was aware of the upcoming Deerlake Presidio Hearing Officer Public Hearing. It will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 150, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. This is Project No. 99-239-(5), Amended Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53138-1 (Second Amendment), Oak Tree Permit Case No. 201200001, Conditional Use Permit Modification Case No. 201100160 Addendum to Final Environmental Impact Report No. 99-239.

(f) Beautification: Kamesh Aysola

Discussion: •The Committee is working with BID on a beautification project. Additional details will be presented in the future. •The Committee meeting will be held on the first Tuesday instead of the second Tuesday this month only.

(g) Legislative Committee – Matt Weintraub: The Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber is planning to reconstitute the Governmental Relations Committee. This will be proposed at their Board meeting on February 15, 2012. The Government Relations Committee meetings will most likely meet at 4:30 P.M. and the CNC Legislative Committee can meet with them. Matt will report back on the outcome of the schedule and structure.

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

No Discussion.

(11) Adjournment: The February 1, 2012 CNC meeting was adjourned at 10:03 P.M.