

CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
December 5, 2012 MINUTES APPROVED

AGENDA

(1) Call to order: 7:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jelena Csanyi.

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Vicki Briskman, Jelena Csanyi, Judith Daniels, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Dan Huffman, Mary Kaufman, Chuck Knolls, Carol Lucas, Scott Munson, Linda van der Valk, Andre van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub.

Excused: Erik Pampalone, Linda Ross, Richard Nadel.

Absent: N/A

There is a quorum.

(2) Public Comments:

- (a) Tom Johnson, Northridge West Neighborhood Council: •He is a committee member on the Mayor's Budget Group. He will be distributing the Mayor's survey before it is sent out. The present budget shows a 10% cut to the Neighborhood Council budgets (estimated \$30,000-\$32,000 allocation).
- (b) Robert Amond, Developer: •Proposing a 100 bed senior care home on a 2 1/2 parcel on DeSoto. Andre deferred the speaker and topic to the January 2013 Land Use Committee meeting.
- (c) Teena Takata, Secretary Land Use: •NASA has identified the 400 acre Santa Susana Field Lab as excess property. Government agencies have the first right of refusal. Teena is requesting a letter from the CNC to Councilman Englander in support of acquiring the land as Federal Open Space.

(3) Announcements:

- (a) Jelena Csanyi, CNC: •Supervisor Antonovich is urging people to pay attention to a flyer showing individual fees supporting clean water. •The Chatsworth Holiday Event and Festival will be this Sunday at 1:00 P.M. The Festival will be held from 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. on Canoga Avenue between Devonshire and Lassen Streets.
- (b) Clara Woll: •Reminder that CNC is sponsoring CERT training. Classes will be held on Thursdays, January 10- February 21, 2013 at the Chatsworth Library. Contact Clara.

(4) Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2012: The minutes, with minor corrections, 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: •Thank you to CNC for organizing the training event. •Northridge Homicide: Building & Safety is investigating the group home. Councilman Englander is working with other departments in assembling information to support additional legislation. •Chatsworth/DeSoto Pocket Park: CNC sent a letter of support for the Proposition K funds. CD12 was allocated \$1.35 million. The funds will be available July 1, 2013. A local advisement committee will be appointed. •Chatsworth Park South: The contaminated soil removal plan should be sent to DTSC in December 2012. The plan has not yet been approved. The gym is slated to open in January 2013. Flash cameras have been installed on the gym roof to deter vandalism. The park will not have a director and planned programs. Permits will be available for paid programs. •The coat drive continues to December 31, 2012. The PALS toy collection will continue to December 14,

2013. The CD12 office is open through the holidays except for Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield's Office, 45th District – Rosalba Gonzalez, Field

Representative: •Sidewalk repair: Assemblymember Blumenfield is introducing legislation this Monday (12/10/12) requiring the transfer of responsibility for sidewalk repair from the City to homeowners be put to vote by homeowners and not go straight to Council. •Assemblymember Blumenfield will be part of the Chatsworth Holiday Parade.

Note: The Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council will be hosting Councilman Englander in January 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

(7) President's Report: •Justin Weiss resigned. There is an open position on the Board and the special election will need to be agendized for the February Board meeting. Potential candidates will need to file one week prior to the February CNC meeting.

(8) BOARD MEMBER MOTION: As Presented by Treasurer, Vicki Briskman, to Approve Monthly CNC Expenditures and Other Financial Matters. Vicki Briskman moved to accept the CNC expenditures as presented. Seconded by Mary Kaufman. Motion carries unanimously (17 For).

BOARD MEMBER MOTION: As Presented by Vice-President Judi Daniels, to Approve a generic motion to support BONC in the belief NC's should have more time to comment on City Council motions. Discussion: NC's should be able to present a report rather than just provide public comment. The time allotment should be increased to five minutes. Judi Daniels moved to accept the CNC Board motion. Seconded by Jelena Csanyi. Motion carries unanimously (17 For).

BOARD MEMBER MOTION: As Presented by CNC Board Member Diana Dixon-Davis, to Approve a motion supporting her as a Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) representative for the NC's. Diana Dixon-Davis moved to accept the CNC support as presented. Seconded by Mary Kaufman. Motion carries unanimously (17 For).

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

(a) Land Use: Linda van der Valk

MOTION: 10433 Oklahoma Avenue. To support concept of adding a commercial grade garage that would need an exemption from the Hillside Mansionization Ordinance in this area. Discussion: The 1280 square foot garage would not have running water and electricity. **Motion carries (17 For). Adopted unanimously.**

MOTION: 9301 Mason Avenue. To approve a zone variance to allow welding in an existing manufacturing facility in the MR2-1 zone. **Motion carries (17 For). Adopted unanimously.**

MOTION: 20431-20439 Nordhoff Street. To support a zone variance to allow an office in the MR2-1 zone. Discussion: This is for the relocation of the Social Security offices presently located on DeSoto Avenue to the northeast corner of Nordhoff Street and Mason Avenue. **Motion carries (17 For). Adopted unanimously.**

MOTION: To support The Welcome to Chatsworth sign presented by Sierra Canyon. Discussion: Leeza Slaughter explained the sign fulfills a voluntary condition in their CUP. The sign is to be located at the northeast corner of the Athletic Field near the offramp of the 118 Freeway. The installation is planned for 2013. **Motion carries (17 For). Adopted unanimously.**

MOTION: To approve a modular building on the Sierra Canyon upper school campus is issued a Certificate of Occupancy for a maximum period of five years with usage limited for storage and faculty offices. **Motion carries (17 For). Adopted unanimously.**

MOTION: To allow \$500.00 for Land Use printing. **Motion carries (15 For). Adopted unanimously.**

(b) Public Safety & Transportation: Scott Munson

MOTION: To approve a letter asking about the Santa Susana Field Lab cleanup study procedures. **Motion carries (17 For). Adopted unanimously.**

(c) Community Enhancements: Richard Nadel, Jelena Csanyi
None.

(d) Legislative Action Committee: Matt Weintraub
None.

(e) Equestrian: Mary Kaufman
None.

(f) Beautification: Kamesh Aysola
None.

(g) Outreach: Jelena Csanyi

Comment regarding outcome of motion approving allocation of funds for the Chatsworth Holiday Event and Festival: Metro contributed 250 snap bands to be given away along with the CNC snap bands and bookmarks. The event banner and flyers featured CNC.

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

The DWP Ratepayer Advocate, Fred Pickel, agrees with the DWP proposed power rate increase. Councilman Mitch Englander opposed the increase. VANC opposed the increase because it shifts the costs to single-family dwellings.

Scott provided a handout and in summary explained the rate changes, the impact from a typical residential, a high-use single-family residential and a small commercial monthly bill, use and base residential rates and pass-through rates.

(11) Adjournment: The December 5, 2012 CNC meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

NOTE: The CNC will not meet in January 2013. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2013.