



# CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## Final Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2013

The board of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council met at 7 p.m. at Lawrence Middle School, 10100 Variel Avenue.

### AGENDA

1. Call to order: 7:10 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Draper

2. Roll Call: 12 present.

Present: Judith Daniels, Vicki Briskman, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Jelena Csanyi, Diana Dixon-Davis, Jeff Hammond, Mary Kaufman, George Nelson, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Matt Weintraub.

Excused: Andre van der Valk, Carol Lucas, Dan Huffman, Richard Nadel, Erik Pampalone, Lucie Volotzky

Absent: Chuck Knolls, Scott Munson, Linda Ross

### 3. Public comments- max. 5 minutes per item

**Linda van der Valk:** Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Andre after his recent surgery.

**Walker Foley:** Lives in Chatsworth, coordinates for Food and Water Watch – speaking on Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) and community health concerns. Fracking ongoing in Inglewood and the Figueroa Corridor, and Baldwin Hills homes are reportedly shaking off their foundations; Senator Pavley's bill calls for a moratorium on Fracking, and Mr. Foley supports a moratorium or outright ban – Nov. 14, 7pm Kickoff Party at his home.

**Jorge Casteneda:** (George) works with "Next Door," private social networking website, like Facebook but local and wants to encourage usage. Currently "5 neighborhoods" useful to organize and facilitate networking and communications - [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com). No fee. Android app, Iphone app. Current membership: 30,000 "neighborhoods" across the nation.

**Bob Dager:** Requests monthly progress on money-related motions on NPG's and any motions regarding money issues. Explained that the public does not receive the Treasurer's Report.

**Saul Daniels:** Saul opened myChatsworth on Facebook. [MyChatsworth@gmail.com](mailto:MyChatsworth@gmail.com). Covers local news. Please let him know/send information and photos.

**Diana Dixon-Davis:** Open house at Chatsworth High Oct 22 re: SSFL; 20<sup>th</sup> of November in Bell Canyon there will be a meeting regarding the Santa Susana Field Lab (SSFL), on: Epidemiology, radiologic risks, geology and water, 3hr meeting, with scientific info. Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), oversees the cleanup at SSFL; every 6 months there is an open house meeting.

### 4. Announcements-max. 2 minutes per item

**Jelena – DEC 15** is the Chatsworth Holiday PARADE, 1pm, 11 am fair, car show follows parade.

4. Approval of October 2, 2013, minutes – Accepted as presented.

5. LAPD officer report - Danny del Valle absent – report given by Judith Daniels:

- Police Town Hall Nov. 14 at a church on Haskell;

- The LAPD will recognize the CNC for contributing toward the remodel of the Devonshire Division roll call and break rooms with our name on wall at the Devonshire Division Station.

6. Councilman Englander's office -Megan Cottier unavailable, replaced tonight by Jessie Levine.

**Jessie Levine** - OK/Send Help signs available – DWP opening the “Cascades” this weekend- City Council has passed a motion requiring residents to keep their parkways clean. Penalties for non-compliance range from \$50 for a first citation to \$150 after multiple citations. -Red flag days upcoming due to winds...-Reward offered for SWATting prank calls

**Mary Kaufman** – DWP opening to the public the Cascades off the 5 Freeway over the next few days and on Saturday...100 mule team available to view, parade in Glendale, free event.

**Rosalba Gonzales** – From Senator Pavley’s office. Senate Session closed till January, so Pavley is looking for new issues for laws. Next year’s legislative session will include a water bond, with the election in 2014 and may result in a north vs south California showdown. Rosalba will not always be able to attend our meetings, as West Hill NC meets simultaneously with CNC.

#### 7. Vice President's Report

**Judith Daniels** - Free Street Tree Program – up to 7 trees per household, flyers available. City Attorney sent out letter asking for help to enforce medical marijuana law. Please report illegal shops that are within 1000 feet of schools.

8. Update on proposed Kaiser Permanente project in Chatsworth.

**Richard Trogman** COO, along with CAO **Gail Knight** and **Susan Ng**, GOVT relations.  
**Kaiser found Environmental concerns on the property at Mason and Lassen and did not close escrow. They** will continue property search at other locations in Chatsworth area.

9. **Motion:** to approve monthly CNC expenditures, NPGs and other financial matters. Vicki Briskman

Motion: Vicki

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary

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Diana Dixon-Davis Abstained

**Comments: Judith** – The mistake with the double payment last fiscal year was due to DONE’s work and not because of anything by Vicki or CNC.

**Comment: Vicki** – Intends to resign Treasurer’s position after requested audit. The volunteer position is difficult and full of pressure, resignation after end of year.

10. **Board Selection:** timeline and other updates for March 2014 selection process.

**Bob Dager** - (S)Election committee: Timeline follows the election guideline, Election committee of 3 now dissolved because those running for CNC seat can’t be on it.

Helen Murphy volunteered, looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Question of definition of a stakeholder – who is excluded? Is it ongoing financial investment in the community or can it be a one-time financial service like a Starbucks purchase or dry cleaning?

#### 11. Standing Committees

##### a. **Equestrian** Mary Kaufman

Update on equestrian issues related to proposed Hidden Creeks development. Hearing is scheduled November 21.

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**Motion:** to approve up to \$2,000 for additional components for the existing CNC sound system if the money is available in the budget later in the fiscal year.

Discussion about priority for “leftover” funds.

Vote: yes: 12 (unanimous)

b. **Land Use** Linda van der Valk

10108 Canoga Avenue:

**Robert Amond:** “Open” site, transitioning from gunnite to a landscape company, 4 trucks; bucket trucks to trim trees, 6a-6p operation, only landscape/fertilizer materials on property.

**Motion:** 10108 Canoga Avenue – to support a zone variance for AC Horticulture Management’s landscaping and tree trimming business. Property is currently zoned CM (commercial manufacturing).

**Yes: 12 Unanimous**

**Judith Daniels report:** Hostess Bakery on De Soto: Proposal to tear down building, and put up a Goodwill store. Tilt-up proposed but other designs are out there and better looking. No vote taken. Build to suit. Roscoe and Winnetka is an example. How many trucks, trailers stored? Concerns about zoning (light mfg) commercial would require change.

**Also,** Sierra Canyon purchased lots west of the high school. They propose a surface parking lot to get student parking off-street and meet city parking requirements.

c. **Enhancements** Jelena Csanyi & Richard Nadel

Richard Nadel got a new knee hence his absence from this meeting

d. **Outreach** Jim Van Gundy

Nothing significant to report – Holiday toy train too expensive for Metro and cancelled.

e. **Beautification** Kamesh Aysola

Nothing significant to report

f. **Public Safety & Transportation** Scott Munson

Nothing significant to report

g. **Legislative** Matt Weintraub

Nothing significant to report

12. **Board Member Motions:**

Diana Dixon-Davis withdrew her motions (requested 9/26) related to committees and Standing Rules.

13. Board member comments / reports:

**Vicki Briskman:** Procedures for taking and reporting board and committee minutes.

Discussion about verbatim minutes (similar to a court stenographer) vs motion minutes reflecting votes.

**Bob Dager: Selection committee formed: Helen Murphy, Shawn Jahanbin, Bob Dager.**

14. Adjournment **8:52 pm.**

