

Minutes of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Meeting
Lawrence Middle School
Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Jeff Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Dan Huffman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called.

In attendance: Jeff Hammond, Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Cher Bentley, Mark Cox, Daniel Huffman, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Nicolas Montano, Micheal Preis, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, and Dean Wageman.

Absent: Darlene Brothers-Wageman, Susan Eskander (excused), Anne Weaver (excused) and Matt Weintraub (excused).

Minutes from the June 6th and August 1st general board meetings were approved unanimously.

Board Member Motion: **To approve nine markers**, including markers for the historic olive trees, designating Historic Landmarks in Chatsworth. Each marker will contain a Historic Landmark number and a brief description of each landmark. Councilman Englander's office will pay for the markers, which will be installed on posts, by the Department of Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Motion: **To approve self-assessment**. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Motion: **To Reimburse Vicki Briskman \$190** for her payment to HostGators for two years of web hosting of the CNC website (The previous request by Vicki for reimbursement for three years of web hosting, was not approved by done, hence the need for this motion). Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Motion: **To Reimburse Matt Weintraub \$38.97** for food for the COLT ride in June. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Motion: **To select additional Community Impact Statement filers for the CNC**. Matt and Linda are currently CNC's filers. Cher and Tracey were nominated to be the additional filers and both were selected unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- The May, June and July MERS were approved separately and unanimously.
- The 2018-2019 Board Budget (as amended 9/5) was approved unanimously.
- It was decided that the CNC did not need an alternate signer for the credit card, so this motion was not voted on.

Committee Reports:

Homeless Awareness Committee – Chair: Mark Cox

- Freedom Church is providing showers.
- A card/brochure containing contact information of organizations providing homeless services will be created and handed out to those in need.
- More needs to be done regarding parking enforcement.
- Mark relayed a story about a homeless woman and her dogs being attacked by a man with an ax, emphasizing the fact that people living on the streets are not safe.

Enrichment Committee – Chair: Vicki Briskman

Two motions were brought forth.

1. **To Approve up to \$1,000 for the North Valley YMCA for their Thanksgiving Basket project.**
They plan to assemble 3,500 baskets for families in need. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **To approve up to \$1,000 for the North Valley YMCA for their Kids to Camp program,** which helps send children who have had kidney transplants and who are underprivileged, to camp. Motion passed unanimously.

Land Use Committee – Chair: Linda van der Valk

Motion to support the proposal for three industrial buildings of up to 50 feet high and totaling approximately 210,000 square feet on an approximately 9.5-acre parcel adjacent to the Winnetka Theatres (9145-9175 and 9200 Winnetka Avenue).

Included is support for:

- A site plan review
- A lot line adjustment to allow frontage on Oso Avenue and increase in lot area by approximately 2 acres
- Plan approval for "reduction in area" related to the total 27-acre site that includes the adjacent movie theater complex and modification of Condition 11 of the original variance on required parking for the theaters.

Brad Rosenheim of Rosenheim & Associates, Inc. gave a detailed presentation of the planned proposal.

A few key points:

- This development will not negatively impact the theatres in any way
- Truck access off of Oso to minimize impact on theatres
- Attractive landscaping
- Owners are aware of nearby homeless encampments and have been working with the city to clean up area.

Motion to support this proposal passed unanimously.

Public Safety & Transportation Committee – Chair: ?

Motion to approve an NPG for \$1,000 for the 2019 Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair was tabled. Request was made by Lucie for CNC board members to volunteer at this year's fair, which is taking place on September 29 at the Northridge Fashion Center near the theatres from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm.

Equestrian Committee – Chair: Dean Wageman

Motion to spend up to \$5,000 for 2019 CNC Day of the Horse, date TBD. Annual event to be held at Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship. Detailed budget was mailed to CNC board members.

Increased budget amount reflects increased kids crafts, freezer rental for ice cream sandwiches, additional costs for advertising and banner, and insurance. Motion passed unanimously. Dean asked for more help on the committee, specifically, he needed more people to work on next year's DOTH event.

Outreach Committee – Chair: Jim Van Gundy

Committee brought forth three motions.

1. **Motion to spend \$5,535.00 for the 2019 COLT ride**, to be held on June 9. Copy of 2019 COLT budget provided. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Motion to spend up to \$500 for CNC posting display at the Chatsworth Train Depot**. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Motion to clarify wording of motion previously approved on August 1**. New wording is as follows: To contribute \$250 for the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils October Election Forum and \$250 for the March 2019 Mixer. (Previous motion did not specify how the \$500 would be divided). Motion passed unanimously.

Selection Committee – Chair: Cher Bentley

Committee brought forth two motions.

1. **Motion to hold 2019 selection on Saturday, March 16** from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Chatsworth Train Depot. Motion passed unanimously
2. **Motion to spend up to \$4,800 for 2019 selection**. Detailed budget available.
3. Motion passed unanimously.

Beautification Committee – Chair: Kamesh Aysola

Chatsworth BID agreed that Devonshire should be power washed, but there seemed to be a disagreement as to who would cover the cost. They asked us to get bids for the job. Vicki stated that funding this project should be BID's responsibility, not the CNC's responsibility. This topic would be discussed at the September beautification committee meeting.

Public Comments/Announcements

Glenn Bailey encouraged people to attend the Congress of Neighborhoods on September 22 at L.A. City Hall.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, spoke about Unite-L.A., a program that helps build civic engagement among local youth and suggested that we notify him of any students who might be interested in this program.

Linda van der Valk spoke about Pioneer Day, which will take place on Sunday, October 7 at the Homestead Acre Cottage.

The Chatsworth Train memorial will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

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Michael, an Eagle Scout candidate spoke about needing a service project as part of his responsibilities as an Eagle Scout. He also needs \$500 for the project. The project is to bring a permanent benefit to the community. Dan Huffman suggested that Michael's Eagle Scout project be to build steps at any one of our local parks, and offered to fund the project.

Lucie Volotzky spoke about San Fernando Valley Rescue Missions fundraising gala taking place on Saturday, September 22. Tickets are \$250 each.

Michael Preis asked that anyone wanting to post anything on the CNC Facebook page should copy both he and Cher.

Vicki spoke about the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber's State of the Community Breakfast on Friday, October 19 at 7:00am at Porter Valley Country Club.

Dorothy Allison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracey Pomerance-Poirier

