

Minutes of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Meeting  
Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
Lawrence Middle School Library

Jeff Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Nicolas Montano 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, Darlene Brothers-Wageman, Daniel Huffman, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Nicolas Montano, Linda Van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Dean Wageman.

Absent: Rudy Schultz, Mark Cox

Excused: Susan Eskander, Michael Preis, Anne Weaver, Matt Weintraub

No new business.

President's Report:

- A. Jeff asked all board members to make sure they're participating in their committees and CNC activities.
- B. Board Member Motion: To add Jeff Hammond as a Community Impact Filer to the approved list. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Board Member Motion: Moved to Land Use portion of meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- A. Approval of September MERS. Approved unanimously.

#### Standing Committees

##### **Selection Committee:**

Cher discussed the committee's work on updating the Selection Manual, including updating dates, committee members, etc. for the 2019 selection. The biggest change was the addition of a section dealing with Special selections, which was pulled from our bylaws. Andre moved that the board accept the updated Selection Manual. The motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, the Selection Committee worked on the Selection Procedures Stipulation Worksheet. Cher was added as Chair, new dates were added, and Next Door was added as another social media site to use to recruit candidates and publicize the selection. Dan moved to approve; Vicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Bailey mentioned that the committee moved the time of submission to 11:59pm on the respective deadlines. Additionally, Jose will provide voting booths as in past selections.

##### **Enrichment Committee:**

Motion to approve an NPG in the amount of \$1,500 for the Kiko Garcia Sports Training Foundation. Kiko was invited to speak about his Foundation. Motion passed unanimously.

**Land Use Committee:**

Linda gave her report. There is a proposal for 200-unit apartment complex at the site of Melodee Nursery and the adjacent lot. The fact that this is a designated transportation hub, land use rules are different. Linda wants to get a jump on this with regard to some problematic elements of this proposal, including parking, height of project, etc.

Linda read a letter she had written in opposition to a proposed revision to the city's zoning code, called the Processes and Procedures Ordinance. If adopted, it will add a new chapter to the Los Angeles Municipal Code and grants tremendous discretion over the fate of L.A.'s communities to the unelected Director of Planning. It could limit public participation, including limiting existing public notices and the public's rights to appeal many land-use decisions. Linda asked the CNC for approval to send the letter opposing this new zoning code revision. Approval was unanimous.

Nick inquired about the business going in next to Chatsworth Florist, which appears to be a marijuana shop. They are doing plumbing work, however there doesn't appear to be any permits for this work on file with the city.

**Public Safety and Transportation Committee:**

Motion to approve letter to Council office requesting 2-hour parking signs (with the intention of keeping motorhomes from parking on Devonshire Street) has been tabled until the December meeting.

**Homeless Awareness Committee:**

Nick reported on the upcoming homeless forum for stakeholders. Various agencies providing bridge housing, permanent and supportive housing will be represented. This will take place on March 2, 2019 at Chatsworth High School. The committee will also be putting together a Homeless Job Fair and will be contacting businesses to ask for their participation.

**Equestrian Committee:**

Dean spoke about needing more committee members, currently comprised of Dean, Dorothy and Rudy. Cher suggested that the committee needed volunteers for Day of the Horse, both the day of the event, and to help plan the event, however, these people didn't necessarily need to be committee members. Cher volunteered to assist with planning and anyone else who is interested in helping plan the event should contact Dean. DOTH will be on April 14, 2019.

**Beautification Committee:**

No report

**Outreach Committee:**

Committee is working on COLT.

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### Public Comments/Announcements

**Jose** (can't remember last name): There are graphics on the Neighborhood Council Website that we can use for our flyers, etc.

#### **Glenn Bailey:**

- Budget Advocates – there are three for this region. A white paper will be created based on their meetings. There won't be a regional budget day for this cycle; instead, there will be town halls some time in January/February.
- Annual Budget Day will take place on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Budget representatives should attend, however everyone is welcome.
- The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meets the second Thursday of every month at Sherman Oaks Hospital on Van Nuys Blvd.
- Annual Mixer will take place on March 14, 2019 at CBS Studios.
- Congress of Neighborhoods will take place on Sept 28, 2019 at City Hall.

**David Meza** from Southern California Gas Company: A meeting will take place on November 14 pertaining to Aliso Canyon. An informational flyer is available.

### Public Speakers

**Sebastian Anton:** Spoke about the global water crisis. He is partnering with a group that build wells in places where there isn't fresh drinking water. Has a project at CSUN – ThirstProject.org. Looking to raise money for his project.

**Adrienne ??:** CSUN student. Working on a resiliency plan for Chatsworth. This includes conducting focus groups with various homeowners associations, religious groups, etc., to find out what they consider to be any external threats to Chatsworth and possible solutions. She needs CNC's help to reach out to the community to engender interest in this project.

Vote to approve the October minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Linda van der Valk said that the Rancho San Antonio Boys home is accepting donations of clothing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm (not sure if this was exact time – sorry).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracey Pomerance-Poirier

