

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

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

Mark Cox 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, Mark Cox, Daniel Huffman, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Micheal Preis, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Dean Wageman.

Absent: Susan Eskander, Nick Montano, Anne Weaver (excused) and Matt Weintraub.

Minutes from the November 7 meeting were passed unanimously.

Presentation by three LADWP representatives: Community Liaison Christina Holland gave an overview of two projects. Genevieve Hahn, West Valley District Engineer explained the planned De Soto Mainline Project. This project, to replace aging pipes under De Soto Avenue, will begin in the spring of 2019 and last approximately 10 months. LADWP will make every effort to create as little disruption as possible. Northbound lanes will not be affected. Chris Lopez explained the De Soto Trunk Line Project, a related project, scheduled to begin in 2020 and tentatively last through 2024.

Public Safety Committee Report:

Cher reported on the homeless problem at the library. LAPD Sergeant Torres explained that the library had been identified as an “anchor point” which is a problem location. The LAPD is putting additional resources at the library to ensure the safety of its customers. New “no trespassing” signage, cameras and lighting will be going up at that location. The LAPD will also be doing outreach to the homeless, trying to match them with service providers, etc. There is also an LAPD Devonshire mobile app through which people can report issues, find community resources, etc.

Ron Rubine from Councilman Mitch Englander’s office spoke about the Councilman stepping down from his position at the end of the year, and that Council President Herb Wesson was considering appointing former CD 12 Councilman Greig Smith to be a caretaker for the district (with voting power) until a special election is called for either May or June to replace Mr. Englander.

Ron also spoke about the council office’s holiday breakfast taking place on December 13 at the Devonshire PALS Youth Center.

Discussion and Motion: To approve a letter to Councilman Englander’s office regarding the problem of encampment fires in and around Los Angeles. It was suggested that Mayor Garcetti, City Attorney Feuer, Assemblymember Smith and Supervisor Barger be copied on the letter.

Jeff discussed candidate filing and specific deadlines for the 2019 CNC selection. Filing begins on December 31, 2018 and ends on February 14, 2019. Selection will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Train Depot.

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Treasurer's Report:

- Motion** to approve November MERS passed unanimously.
- Motion** to approve Vicki Briskman's reimbursement of \$92.37 for food at the November board meeting passed unanimously.

Outreach Committee Report:

Jim reminded everyone that COLT will take place on June 9, 2019. The outreach committee is attempting to create an online registration form.

The Chatsworth Holiday Parade is taking place on Sunday, December 9. Please sign up to volunteer at the CNC booth. Cher will be riding in the CNC car.

Beautification Committee Report:

A mural is being proposed by the Chatsworth Fine Arts Council. More to come.

Homeless Awareness Committee:

No report

Enrichment Committee Report:

Vicki spoke with My Safe: LA, a fire and life safety organization. They have a program teaching CPR to seniors at Chatsworth High. More to come?

Marker signs have been approved and will be going up.

Selection Committee Report:

Stipulation sheet and manual were approved. We need to get people interested in participating. All CNC committees should have applications available at all of their meetings between now and the end of filing. We plan to do a Facebook boost to generate interest in the selection. We could promote the selection at other neighborhood meetings as well.

Land Use Committee Report:

Linda reported that the 200 apartment project going up on the Melodee Nursery site has fallen through. However, the committee is staying alert to the possibility of other projects coming up for this site. The Land Use Committee is not meeting in December.

Equestrian Committee Report:

- Motion** to increase the DOTH budget by \$250 in order to obtain a health permit for food services passed unanimously.
- Motion** to increase the DOTH budget by \$500 for cleaning expenses at Ride On passed unanimously.

Dean reported that money is available through the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee to improve trails. He asked for suggestions of any trails that could use improvement.

Scott Abrams from Congressman Sherman's office gave a report for the Congressman:

- FEMA encourages people to have flood insurance.
- The Congressman is having a town Hall the weekend of January 19/20.
- Disaster relief centers are still open for those affected by the Woolsey fire. FEMA, SBA will be there. People can get a replacement Driver License, Social Security card, etc. if needed.
- Their office is working with the FAA on airport noise
- Today has been declared a National Day of Mourning in memory of President George H.W. Bush, therefore there is no mail delivery.
- Military academy nominations are taking place. A member of Congress is needed to sign off, if anyone knows of someone they'd like to nominate.
- Congressman Sherman's office is taking interns currently.
- Congressman Sherman is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, as well as a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee. He is hoping to avoid a government shutdown.

David Meza, Public Affairs Manager at the Gas Company reported that their annual meeting, postponed due to the fires, was rescheduled for next Wednesday at their Chatsworth facility. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. The topic: Aliso Canyon.

Glenn Bailey

-Santa Susana State Historic Park will be having its First Day Hike on January 1st at 11am.

-Speed Limits are being increased by the Department of Transportation on three streets:

1. On Nordhoff between De Soto and Topanga. Speed limit going from 35 to 40 MPH
2. On Winnetka between Nordhoff and Devonshire. Speed limit going from 40 to 45 MPH
3. On Devonshire between De Soto and Topanga. Speed limit going from 35 to 40 MPH

Glenn is concerned as there is pedestrian traffic, bike lanes, schools, etc. He suggests sending an email to Mitch Englander to express any concerns.

-Budget Advocate: Glenn is one of three for the Northwest Valley. We should have received a city services survey via email. The city would appreciate our participation in this survey, and a high level of participation will reflect positively on our neighborhood council. Survey is available at the NCBALA.com website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracey Pomerance-Poirier