

Minutes of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Meeting
Lawrence Middle School
Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Jeff Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:38p.m.

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, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Nicholas Montano, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy, Lucie Volotzky, Matt Weintraub, Dan Huffman, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jeff Mackie, Marina Mackie, Steve Columbus, Summer Walters.

Absent: Rudy Schultz

Minutes of the March 6, 2019 CNC meeting were passed unanimously.

Councilmember Greig Smith spoke about the following topics:

- LAPD Pancake Breakfast
- Chatsworth's Historic Plaques – his office is working on this
- His office wrote a letter to Metrolink requesting that it bring back the Holiday Train
- Suggestion to re-name the portion of Devonshire that leads into Chatsworth Park South, Virginia Watson Way, in honor of the historian and co-founder of the Chatsworth Historical Society who passed away March 3rd at the age of 97.

Swearing in ceremony of those board members who were voted in at the March 16 selection: Jeff Hammond, Vicki Briskman, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Mark Cox, Dan Huffman, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Jeff Mackie, Marina Mackie, Steve Columbus, Summer Walters. Congratulations to all.

Election of officers:

- President** – Dan Huffman nominated Jeff Hammon. Vicki Briskman seconded the nomination. Jeff was elected unanimously.
- Vice President** – Dan Huffman nominated Andre van der Valk. Matt Weintraub seconded the nomination. Andre was elected unanimously.
- Treasurer** – Dorothy Allison nominated Vicki Briskman. Kamesh Aysola seconded the nomination. Vicki was elected with one abstention.
- Secretary** – Kamesh Aysola nominated Tracey Pomerance-Poirier. Jeff Hammond seconded the nomination. Tracey was elected unanimously.

Congratulation to CNC's officers.

Linda Van Der Valk made a motion (Dan Huffman seconded) to support Councilman Smith's suggested name change of the portion of road leading into Chatsworth Park South, to Virginia Watson Way. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- A. Motion to approve the February 2019 MER. Passed unanimously.
- B. Board member motion to approve an NPG in the amount of \$500 for the annual senior dance to be held on May 31, 2019 at the Northridge Recreation Center. Passed unanimously.
- C. Board member motion to reimburse Cher Bentley \$21.86 for the purchase of ice, used at the selection on March 16, 2019. Passed unanimously.
- D. Motion to amend Day of the Horse budget – increase of \$500. Motion passed unanimously.

Enrichment Committee Report:

Motion to approve the historical monuments description. Motion passed unanimously.

Land Use Committee Report:

Linda discussed a proposal to increase bleacher seating at the Sierra Canyon field from 292 to 1630 seats. More to come.

Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report:

Cher reported that their committee meeting could not be held due to poor attendance.

Homeless Awareness Committee Report:

Mark reported that there wasn't a quorum at the committee meeting. Also, even though we approved our CNC logo for use on the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness website and event flyers, it was not used.

Equestrian Committee Report:

Day of the Horse - venue has been changed to Stoney Point Ranch and Riding Center, 10867 Andora Avenue. Busses will transport people to and from the Chatsworth Train Depot. Health permit and insurance have been obtained. Everyone should be promoting this event. There will be limited handicapped parking at the venue. Vicki thanked Ron Rubine for working to secure this new venue.

Beautification Committee Report:

Kamesh – no new business to report.

Outreach Committee Report:

- Jim reported that the new computer program that will simply COLT online registration is up and Running and the COLT flyer will be sent out soon.
- Jim thanked everyone who volunteered at the Stagecoach Trail re-dedication event at Chatsworth Park South on March 17th.
- Jim reminded everyone about the Chatsworth Nature Preserve open house on April 6 from 10am-3pm. All who wish to volunteer at the CNC booth are welcome to do so.

Selection Committee Report:

Cher reported that the selection went well and thanked all who volunteered.

Committee Assignments:

Matt asked that he be removed from the selection committee for next year's selection.

Political Representatives:

Ron Rubine from Councilman Greig Smith's office discussed their work on the historical plaques. He affirmed that the council office is up and running, assisting constituents and dealing with CD 12 issues. He was happy to help secure the location for Day of the Horse.

Jarrold Degonia from Supervisor Barger's office discussed the summary judgment hearing against Wayne Fishbeck regarding illegal dumping in Brown's Canyon. The hearing is scheduled to take place on April 16 and he encouraged interested parties to attend.

Joe Clayton and Elena Huffman from L.A. County Department of Public Health spoke about a community study their department is overseeing:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will coordinate a \$25 million, long-term Health Research Study, examining the impact of the 2015 disaster at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. The \$25 million for this study is part of the \$119.5 million settlement reached by the California Air Resources Board, the California Attorney General's Office, the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles with Southern California Gas Company. Public Health will work with local residents and organizations to form a Community Advisory Group, and is asking that one member of the 20-member advisory group be from the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council.

Public Health will coordinate the Health Research Study, working with a scientific oversight committee and the Community Advisory Group. It is expected to be a multi-year study to help understand the potential short and long-term health impacts from the disaster. The department wants to get the advisory committee formed and the study underway as soon as possible.

Neighborhood meetings to discuss the study are scheduled as follows:

1st meeting planned for May/June; 2nd meeting is planned for July/Aug, and 3rd meeting is planned for Sept/Oct.

Danni Wang from Assemblymember Christy Smith's office introduced herself. Their district office is now fully staffed and located off of Magic Mountain Parkway in Valencia. Assemblymember Smith is carrying 13 bills, 9 of which are related to education. She's also on the Emergency Management Select Committee. She is having a community coffee at the Starbucks in the Porter Ranch Center on April 20th from 10am – 11:30am.

Jose Galdamez: There will be a required ethics training and code of conduct training for all new board members. There will also be a training on how to facilitate difficult conversations on Saturday, April 6 from 9am – 1pm at the Braude Constituent Service Center in Van Nuys. Also, beware of spam emails masquerading as legitimate Neighborhood Council emails.

Motion to nominate Dorothy Allison to be the second card holder for the CNC. Motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Bailey: Budget advocates met with the mayor on March 14 and presented their White Paper. The idea is for the mayor to incorporate the suggestions of the NC budget advocates into his budget. Also, Neighborhood Council Budget Day is June 29. Each neighborhood council must choose two representatives to attend Budget Day. A vote can be taken at the May or June meetings.

Five candidates for the Council District 12 Special Election on June 4 were given 2 minutes each to introduce themselves and give a short campaign speech. Those candidates included: Josh Yeager, Brandon Saario, Frank Ferry, Carlos Amador and Jay Beeber.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracey Pomerance-Poirier.