



CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/02/2019

1. Welcome, Call to order (time: 6:40p) Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and approval of minutes from September 4th, 2019 CNC Board Meeting.

- Roll Call

Present: Jeff Hammond, Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Cher Bentley, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Steve Columbus, Mark Cox, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Nick Montano, Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy

Absent, excused: Daniel Huffman, Jeff Mackie, Marina Mackie, Summer Walters, Matt Weintraub

Absent: Lucie Volotzky

Minutes: passed unanimously

Public Comment on housing takes place first:

- Andre explains that it's only public comment, but no interaction decision or discussion from board
- Bruce Paul speaks: lived in Chatsworth for about 15 years. Attended the gathering on Topanga in protest/support of the project. Sent note to developer (reads note). Bruce asked for copy of layout. How is housing proposed able to fit on parcel so small? Responded: received following day from Christina Martinez, project manager. Gave breakdown of apartment number, which we all have heard, as well as layout, which we have all heard. Bruce responded: notification of community meetings. Christina response: multiple meetings in October. Start date is Feb of 2021, completion of apartment in 4th quarter of 2022. Move in first few month of 2023. Bruce will post meetings as he is notified online. Asked who knew about the project more than 4 weeks ago by show of hands. Nobody raised their hands.
- Chet Crane - Head of school at monarch Christian school ½ mile from proposed development. Learned about project in the last 4 weeks. Sent a letter home to the parents informing parents about the development. Supports the housing, but not at this location. Dr. Stan Hugh sent a letter to John Lee expressing concern and reservations about the development.
- Pilar Schiavo speaks. Parent of student at Chatsworth Park Elementary. Speaks in - support of the project. Gave information that the developer gave her.

Public speaker:

- Scott Schmerelson, LAUSD Board member (Board District 3, 110 schools) - Chair of the Special Ed committee, meets every other month at Beaudry at 4p to discuss special education issues. Welcome to join or watch on TV. Talked about Shanda Smith decree at last meeting. The CAC (Community Advisory Committee) for the special ed committee.....40 parents who advise board

about special ed issues. Term is 2 years. Choices programs are available are open Oct1 - Nov 15 for Magnet programs. Upcoming college and enrollment fairs. Chatsworth High School will have a new STEAM magnet for gifted, highly gifted high ability students.....tours given once a month. Tours given once a month. Hosting prospective parent night for people who are interested in sending their kids to Chatsworth. Also hosting an Open house for board district 3 on Wednesday, 10/23 3:30 - 630p at balboa field office. Nick asks why LAUSD hasn't taken a firmer stance on bullying? Wants parent AND bully to be prosecuted for what they're doing.

- Andre has a letter from Mark Lauterman that he would like to submit into public comment.
- Dani Wang from Christy Smith's office (assemblywoman) - 2 bills signed in AB1637 - State Controller's office to streamline property claims in unclaimed property office. AB543 - also for schools to have more posters to be posted on sexual harassment to educate students. Christy will be here full time for fall recess. Will be at PR state of the community to address any questions. Andre advises that we're not happy with Sacramento. Nick chimes in about the small business issues we're having.
- Mickie Loi from LAPD community office - Oct 11, all you can eat pasta dinner. 2 basic car meetings coming up in Chatsworth. One with Officer Parker and one with Del Valle

2. NEW BUSINESS: All listed motions include discussion, possible action, Community Impact Statements and NPGs.

3. Presidents Report:

A. Comments on ongoing matters.
- N/A

4. Treasurers Report:

A. Financial Report: To approve of the August 2019 MER.

(To view the MER online, visit <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html> and select Chatsworth Neighborhood Council from the drop-down menu, and then click on MER

In favor: Jeff Hammond, Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Cher Bentley, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Steve Columbus, Mark Cox, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Nick Montano, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy

Oppose: N/A

NOTE: Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, stepped away during vote

Passed

B. Motion: To approve the amended CNC Board budget dated 10.2.2019.

In favor: Jeff Hammond, Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Cher Bentley, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Steve Columbus, Mark Cox, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Nick Montano, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy

Oppose: N/A

NOTE: Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, stepped away during vote

Passed

C. Motion: To spend \$500.00 for an advertising package for the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce's State of the Community Breakfast at Porter Valley Country Club, Oct. 18th, 2019, 7:00a.m. to 9 a.m. (This item required an updated vote to approve.)

In favor: Jeff Hammond, Andre van der Valk, Cher Bentley, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Steve Columbus, Mark Cox, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Rudy Schultz, Jim Van Gundy

Oppose: N/A

Recuse: Vicki Briskman, Linda van der Valk, Nick Montano

NOTE: Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, stepped away during vote

Passed

5. Standing Committees:

A. Enrichment: Committee report – N/A

B. Land Use: Committee report.

1 - Motion: At 9171 DeSoto, Fire Wings Chatsworth, to support a Conditional Use Permit (CUB) to allow sales and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption in conjunction with a 2,794 square foot restaurant with 93 indoor seats.

Proposed hours of operation are from 11:00 A.M. to midnight daily. (Q)C2-1 zone

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Oppose: N/A

C. Public Safety & Transportation: Committee report.

No Chairs present. Discussed project on Topanga at last meeting. No report otherwise.

D. Homeless Awareness Committee: Committee report.

Did not meet this month.

E. Equestrian: Committee report.

DOTH is March 29 not April 29

F. Beautification: Committee report.

No meeting this month

H. Outreach: Committee report.

Jim indicates we have 2 events coming. 1 this Sunday for Pioneer day.....needs volunteers to sit at information booth. Need someone to man booth for the Valley Preparedness Fair. Dorothy will be there from 8 - 11a. Kamesh and Jan. List of upcoming dates for CNC outreach events mailed out to

I. Selection Committee: Committee report.

Vicki: Worked on stip worksheet.

Committee met and reviewed the Selection rules and dates. In addition, an Outreach plan is be formulated.

A - Motion: To approve the CNC's 2020 Selection's Procedures Stipulation Worksheet

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Oppose: N/A

B - Motion: To approve the 2019-2020 Selection Committee budget.

In favor: Jeff Hammond, Andre van der Valk, Vicki Briskman, Cher Bentley, Dorothy Allison, Kamesh Aysola, Shekhar Chikhalikar, Steve Columbus, Mark Cox, Sheldon Itzkowitz, Nick Montano, Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, Rudy Schultz, Linda van der Valk, Jim Van Gundy

Oppose: N/A

6. Public comments/Announcements /- max. 2 minutes per item

- R Grace: thank you for approving sponsorship of their breakfast on Oct 18, 7 - 9a. October 12 Jeffrey Nordella from Porter Ranch study on Benzene in our blood samples. Town hall at Freedom Church 2p.
- Linda - Pioneer day announcement
- Ron Rubine from John Lee's office - Senior Advisor (new title), John was sworn in 9/7. Office is working on the Topanga project issues. They recognize the need to build housing, but are not in agreement with the location due to the size of the building alone. Introduced Eric Moody. Annual drive-in happening October 26 at 4p at Shadow Ranch showing It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown and the Nightmare before Christmas. Hidden Creek development partnered with Kathryn Barger and working to stop the development there and will be preserved as open space. Josh Yeager at Lee's office now.
- Easter Egg (First Board Member to point this out, wins a prize from Cher)

7. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.) Report by Jose Galdamez.

New GM Raquel Beltran, listening to what NC's have to say. Valley Disaster preparedness fair, 9a - 1:30p Northridge mall. Everyone will receive a starter kit. NC funding - outstanding receipts need to be cleared out before issuing MERs. Election division is forming an NC workgroup to improve the election process - held Downtown.....interested apply online under neighborhood council elections. App deadline 10/25 by 5p.

Nick: where do we find the training due for each board member is due

8. Budget Representatives – Budget Advocates are Glenn Bailey, and Ted Diggins is the new budget representative.

Glenn gave budget meeting updates.

Kevin James - President of Board of Public Works appointed by Garcetti. One commission in LA that are full time. Meet 3 days/week. Appointed by mayor and confirmed by city council. 5 bureaus: sanitation.....largest of 5 bureuas, also maintain waste water treatment plants, as well as storm water policy; ,street services (streetsLA) have urban forestry division and special events division (5k Batman

Run, NBA all-star game, MLB all-star game, World Series, EMMYs, Academy all permitted by street services), street lighting 300k public street lights....handles telecoms who want to piggyback 5k to streetlights; Bureau of Engineering.....project delivery expert for police administration building, rec center, etc. manager of sidewalk repaired; contract administration.....contracts, minimum wage, Public Inspector and hat make up the dept and 7 divisions within that.: Public affairs, accounting, OCB (graffiti removal, lends tools for community clean-ups), Mayors office of film and television (permits for filming), office of petroleum administrator and natural gas safety office; climate emergency and mobilization office; officer of City Forest Officer, which manages “urban canopy” (tree removal, safety of trees)goal is 90k trees in the first year of the office

Bruce: who to notify when a tree is sick. Kevin: call urban forestry to let them know.

Mark asked about the non-choice in sanitation. Contact Asst. GM Alex Helou, alex.helou@lacity.org, with concerns/complaints.

9. LAPD officer report – (upon arrival) – no show

10. Adjournment (8:50a)