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Carey Tri, Jim Van Gundy

Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda for the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council,

Wednesday May 1, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

Held at Lawrence Middle School Library, 10100

Variel Avenue, Chatsworth, Calif. 91311

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AGENDA

- Welcome, call to order, pledge of allegiance, and roll call.**

Call to order: 6:30pm

Board Member	Present	Absent
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		x
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman	x	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		x
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	Present	Absent
Nicolas Montano	x	
Doug Nolan	x	
Kristen Shubert	x	
Shawn Shawmlou	x	
Shelly Thompson	x	
Carey Tri		x
Jim Van Gundy	x	
Vacant Seat		
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Note: Shilpa Gupta was excused

- President’s report - Discussion on future involvement. GET INVOLVED! Share your ideas!**

- NEW BUSINESS:** All listed motions include discussion, possible action and or vote, Community Impact Statements and NPGs.

4. Treasurers Report:

A. Motion: To approve March 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report(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.)

Action: Approve Treasurers report from March:

Mover	Paul LaBella		Second	Doug Nolan			
Ayes	12	Nays	1	Abstentions	0	Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman		x
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	x	
Doug Nolan	x	
Kristen Shubert	x	
Shawn Shawmlou	x	
Shelly Thompson	x	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	x	
Vacant Seat		
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Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

B.MOTION: To approve the April, 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report(MER)

ACTION: Approve April 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report(MER)

Mover	Kamesh Aysola		Second	Shelly Thompson			
Ayes	11	Nays	0	Abstentions	2	Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman	ABSTAIN	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	x	
Doug Nolan	x	
Kristen Shubert	x	
Shawn Shawmlou	x	
Shelly Thompson	x	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	ABSTAIN	
Vacant Seat		
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Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

C.MOTION: To approve Shelly Thompson as second signer.

ACTION: Approve Shelly Thompson as second signer.

(Treasurer's Report Continued)

Mover	Paul LaBella			Second	Jim Van Gundy		
Ayes	13	Nays	0	Abstentions		Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman	x	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	x	
Doug Nolan	x	
Kristen Shubert	x	
Shawn Shawmlou	x	
Shelly Thompson	x	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	x	
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		

Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

D.MOTION: To approve Shelly Thompson as a second card holder.

ACTION: Approve Shelly Thompson as a second card holder.

Mover	Kamesh Aysola			Second	Paul LaBella		
Ayes	13	Nays	0	Abstentions		Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman	x	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	x	
Doug Nolan	x	
Kristen Shubert	x	
Shawn Shawmlou	x	
Shelly Thompson	x	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	x	
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		

Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

C. MOTION: To approve Nicolas Montano as an alternate signer.

ACTION: Approve Nicolas Montano as an alternate signer.

Mover	Kamesh Aysola			Second	Jim Van Gundy		
Ayes	13	Nays	0	Abstentions		Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman	x	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	X	
Doug Nolan	X	
Kristen Shubert	X	
Shawn Shawmlou	X	
Shelly Thompson	X	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	X	
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		

Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

D. MOTION: To approve the retreat date and budget of \$2,200.00 for breakfast and venue.

Action: Approve the retreat date and budget of \$2,200.00 for breakfast and venue.

Mover	Ricardo Gracia	Second	Karen Kikalo
Ayes	12	Nays	1
		Abstentions	0
		Absent	3
Motion	Carries		

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman		x
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	X	
Doug Nolan	X	
Kristen Shubert	X	
Shawn Shawmlou	X	
Shelly Thompson	X	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	X	
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		
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Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

Discussion: Date of June 15, at 9:00am is chosen to meet at the Residence Inn for the CNC retreat. Public and Board may attend.

Nick- This is to decide what we want to do next year for the CNC.

5. Representatives of elected officials, or elected officials, and LAPD SLO for our area.

Pilar Schiavo, California State Representative, introduced her colleague, Andrea Rosenthal, and reminded the group that any issues with EDD or DMV can be resolved by contacting her office. Her objectives are to improve Healthcare, Homelessness, and housing . **Firefighter Scott Hilton** from Battalion 15 encouraged the public to reach out with any issues. **Johnathan Kodo**, John Lee’s Special Project Coordinator for CD 12 for ten years, will be our new representative as Kathy is moving to the senator’s office.

6.Board Member Motions:

A. MOTION: To approve reimbursement of \$3,313.66 to Board Member Jill Mather for expenses incurred for the purchase of various supplies for the Day of the Horse 2024. These funds come from already approved DOTH budget for 2024.

ACTION: Approve reimbursement of \$3,313.66 to Board Member Jill Mather for expenses incurred for the purchase of various supplies for the Day of the Horse, 2024.

Mover	Paul LaBella			Second	Shawn Shawmlou		
Ayes	12	Nays	0	Abstentions	1	Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman	ABSTAIN	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	x	
Doug Nolan	x	
Kristen Shubert	x	
Shawn Shawmlou	x	
Shelly Thompson	x	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	x	
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Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

Discussion: This covers crafting items, food, etc. for DOTH 2024.

Public Comment: Where are the receipts? asks Vicki Briskman.

B. MOTION:To approve the reimbursement of \$89.86 to Board Member Kamesh Aysola for expenses incurred for payment towards the ribbons for the child participants of the poster contest from Chatsworth area schools for DOTH, 2024.

ACTION: Approve the reimbursement of \$89.86 to Board Member Kamesh Aysola for expenses incurred for payment towards the ribbons for the child participants of the poster contest from Chatsworth area schools for DOTH, 2024.

Mover	Jill Mather			Second	Doug Nolan		
Ayes	12	Nays	0	Abstentions	1	Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	x	
Doug Nolan	x	
Kristen Shubert	x	
Shawn Shawmlou	x	
Shelly Thompson	x	

Mark Lauterman	ABSTAIN	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	X	
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		

Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

C.MOTION: To approve the reimbursement to Board Member, Kamesh Aysola for expenses incurred for payment, \$28.09 towards the refreshments for volunteers for DOTH, Sunday, April seventh. These funds come from the already approved DOTH budget for 2024.

ACTION: Approve the reimbursement to Board Member, Kamesh Aysola for expenses incurred for payment, \$28.09 towards the refreshments for volunteers for DOTH, Sunday, April seventh.

Mover	Jill Mather	Second	Shelly Thompson
Ayes	13	Nays	0
		Abstentions	0
		Absent	3
Motion	Carries		

Board Member	YES	NO
Kamesh Aysola	x	
Ricardo Gracia	x	
Shilpa Gupta		
Tracey Jennings	x	
Karen Kikalo	x	
Mark Lauterman	x	
Paul LaBella	x	
James MacDonald		
Jill Mather	x	

Board Member	YES	NO
Nicolas Montano	X	
Doug Nolan	X	
Kristen Shubert	X	
Shawn Shawmlou	X	
Shelly Thompson	X	
Carey Tri		
Jim Van Gundy	X	
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		
Vacant Seat		

Absent: Carey Tri, Shilpa Gupta, James MacDonald, Vacant seats

Discussion: Mark Lauterman declares he is resigning. After comments to the room, he leaves the building. After a short amount of time, a member of the public escorts Mark back into the meeting, and he declares that he “Un-resigns.”

D. MOTION: To approve a CNC motion for Chatsworth Neighborhood Council to approve a “request for action” letter to the City Council District 12 Council member, John Lee. The letter requests that they contact the State Department of Transportation (CalTrans) and requesting a Town Hall meeting be convened on the proposed Topanga Canyon Blvd(CA27) Bike Lane Project.

ACTION: Approve a CNC motion for Chatsworth Neighborhood Council to approve a “request for action” letter to the City Council District 12 Council member, John Lee. The letter requests that they contact the State Department of Transportation (CalTrans) and requesting a Town Hall meeting be convened on the proposed Topanga Canyon Blvd(CA27) Bike Lane Project.

Mover	Jim Van Gundy		Second	Kamesh Aysola			
Ayes	13	Nays	0	Abstentions		Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

Discussion: Jim drafted a letter that was read to the group requesting a Town Hall Meeting regarding the addition of a bike lane on Topanga Canyon. The belief is that it would create a traffic hazard. The question was raised that John Lee may not be aware. Nick will sign and send.

Public Discussion: Linda Van der Valk asks if the intent is to remove a lane, or not, from Topanga Canyon.

Glenn Bailey advises copying Karen Bass and involving the other affected Neighborhood Councils.

E. MOTION: To approve to support the application of the Cowboy Palace Saloon for a Café Entertainment & Show(CES) permit, to offer live entertainment, Dance Hall and pool tables.

ACTION: Approve to support the application of the Cowboy Palace Saloon for a Café Entertainment & Show(CES) permit, to offer live entertainment, Dance Hall and pool tables

Mover	Jim Van Gundy		Second	Kamesh Aysola			
Ayes	12	Nays	0	Abstentions	1	Absent	3
Motion	Carries						

F Standing Committees:

a. **Land Use & Equestrian Committee** – No meeting, committee update.

b. **Public Safety and Transportation Committee** –

c. **Outreach Committee** – Committee update for outreach events

Public Comment: Steven Martinez from PESA spoke to the group about mentoring and or tutoring. His contact info is 818-664-6139 smartpeacego@gmail.com

d. **Homelessness awareness – no meeting.** Mark Lauterman said he would be Chairman when the committee meets.

e. **Beautification & Enrichment-**

f. **Selection Committee:** Committee update from Glenn Bailey:

1. The regular 2024 Selection resulted in two (2) vacancies for terms expiring in 2026. In addition, there have been three (3) additional vacancies for terms expiring in 2025 due to resignations. An effort to fill these vacancies will be made pursuant to the “Vacancies and Special Selections” provisions of the Chatsworth NC 2024 Selection Manual. In order to achieve the required “extensive outreach,” it is recommended that the Special Selection be held during the Wednesday, June 5, 2024 CNC Board regular meeting and that the candidate filing deadline be established ten (10) days prior (Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.). Additional information, including the Candidate Filing Form, will be posted on

the CNC website: ChatsworthCouncil.org

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey discusses the requirements for the on-line training that must be completed by June third.

Glenn also reminds members that reimbursements for expenses incurred by members are discouraged. It is cost prohibitive.

E. **DONE** - Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Jose Galdamez report and comment.

Note: Status of new members training discussed.

F. Board Member Comments and Discussion topics.

G. Public Comment - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Comment for **non-agendized** topics will be limited to one minute each per individual due to time concerns. Public comments will be limited to 10 comments.

H. Adjournment at 8:20 pm

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