

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2008**

ACTION MINUTES – These minutes are prepared to depict action taken for agenda items presented to the Traffic Safety Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: Police Chief Gallagher called the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting to order at the hour of 2:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PRESENT: Dwayne Chisam, Public Works Director/City Engineer (Public Works Department); Chris Gallagher, Police Chief (Police Department); Chet Guintini, Fire Chief (Fire Department); Norm Donovan, Planning Commission Representative.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant City Clerk/HR Technician Sousa, Public Works Operations Manager Pimentel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Donovan, seconded by Guintini to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Donovan, seconded by Guintini to approve the October 9, 2007 Traffic Safety Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY ITEM OF PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY; INCLUDES AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO A FIVE (5) MINUTE PRESENTATION. No one came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR RED CURB AND NO PARKING SIGNS ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF “C” STREET FROM THE CORNER OF 7TH STREET TO APPROXIMATELY 40 FEET WEST OF THE GATE ON “C” STREET. Committee Member Guintini stated that fire vehicle access is currently being blocked on both sides of “C” Street and fire engines are not able to access or leave the fire station from “C” Street.

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Chisam to approve the request for red curb and No Parking signs along the south side of “C” Street from the corner of 7th Street to approximately 40 feet west of the gate on “C” Street. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN ON CANVASBACK WAY AT CANVASBACK DRIVE. There was committee member discussion regarding the need for this request and current traffic flow of the area.

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Guintini to approve a request for a stop sign on Canvasback Way at Canvasback Drive. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR NO TRUCK PARKING SIGNS ON TENTH STREET BETWEEN H STREET AND I STREET FROM BRAELIN'S CRITTER CORNER.

There was committee member discussion, and it was stated that large trucks are parking on 10th Street and causing vision obstruction for vehicles entering and exiting Braelin's Critter Corner.

Motion by Guintini, seconded by Donovan to post No Truck Parking signs on both the east and west sides of Tenth Street between H Street and I Street. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF WARD ROAD AND SAN LUIS STREET.

Chairman Gallagher stated that a warrant study was completed and research also showed that there have been fourteen vehicle accidents in the last two years. It was stated that eventually a signal would be placed at this intersection, and that currently the traffic volumes are not so high that stopping vehicles at this intersection would cause stacking.

Motion by Chisam, seconded by Guintini to install a 4-way stop at the intersection of Ward Road and San Luis Street. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. Committee Member Chisam stated he was proud of the striping work completed at Valley High School and also on Cardoza Road. Committee Member Donovan questioned why a left hand turn lane was not present heading west on Second Street. Chairman Gallagher reported that he has ordered radar speed signs to be placed on Cardoza Road in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Christopher Gallagher
Christopher Gallagher, Chairman

ATTEST:

/ s / Jana R. Sousa
Jana R. Sousa, Secretary