

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2009**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Fire Chief Guintini called the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting to order at the hour of 2:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PRESENT: Mark Fachin, Public Works Director/City Engineer (Public Works Department); Norm Donovan, Representative (Planning Commission); Chet Guintini, Fire Chief (Fire Department); Paula Fitzgerald, Planning Director (Planning Department); **Absent:** Dan Fitchie, Police Chief (Police Department).

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant City Clerk/HR Technician Sousa.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Fachin, seconded by Donovan to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Fitchie absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Donovan, seconded by Fachin to approve the October 7, 2008 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Fitchie absent.

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 POSSIBLE TRAFFIC CONTROLS ON TEXAS AVENUE BETWEEN WEST I STREET AND PINE STREET (WEST SIDE HEAD START PROGRAM, 805 TEXAS AVENUE). Gaye Riggs, Head Start, spoke regarding the need for traffic controls in front of the Los Banos Head Start building; presented pictures of possible traffic solutions that other communities have implemented; stated there are lots of comings and goings with parents dropping off and picking up their children; does not want to see anyone injured.

There was committee member discussion. It was stated that the engineering division does not recommend stop signs within 150 feet of each other and a crosswalk in this area is not conducive; the local school district was turned down recently for a similar request at Henry Miller Elementary School.

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Fitzgerald to continue this request to the next Traffic Safety Meeting in order for the City Engineer and Police Chief to get together and take a closer look at the area in question. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Fitchie absent.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO SIGN AND RED PAINT A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EASTERLY CURB LINE OF JOHNSON ROAD ACROSS FROM KAGOME FOODS, LOCATED AT 333 JOHNSON ROAD, BEGINNING FROM THE CENTERLINE OF KAGOME'S SOUTHERLY DRIVEWAY AND CONTINUING 100 FEET IN EACH DIRECTION (KAGOME FOODS).

There was committee member discussion and it was stated that 100 feet may be too much of an extension and would restrict parking.

Motion by Fachin, seconded by Donovan to sign and red paint a No Parking Zone on the easterly curb line of Johnson Road across from Kagome Foods, located at 333 Johnson Road, beginning from the centerline of Kagome's southerly driveway and continuing 75 feet in each direction. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Fitchie absent.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CARDOZA ROAD AND ORTIGALITA.

There was committee member discussion and it was stated that in the long-term build-out there would be a 4-way stop installed; committee would like the Police Chief to take a look at the stop sign warrants for this intersection; a lot of children are crossing Ortigalita to get to the park and it could cause a hazard by not having traffic controls in the area.

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Fachin to approve the installation of a 4-way stop pending approval of the Police Chief. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Fitchie absent.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. Planning Commissioner Donovan stated that he was happy with the installation of the 4-way stop at the location of H & 2nd Street.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Chet Guintini
Chet Guintini, Chairman

ATTEST:

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