

**CITY OF LOS BANOS  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2009**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Interim Police Chief Knapp called the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting to order at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Assistant City Clerk/HR Technician Sousa; Police Commander Brizzee; Police Officer Warkentin.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Guintini, seconded by Donovan to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; **Absent:** Paula Fitzgerald.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Fachin, seconded by Guintini to approve the July 7, 2009 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; **Absent:** Paula Fitzgerald.

**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.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PARKING SURVEY AT OVERLAND AND NANTES AVENUES.** There was committee member discussion regarding large trucks parking in this area and causing an obstruction of traffic for vehicles attempting to enter Overland Avenue.

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Guintini to continue the bike lane west of Nantes Avenue to the end of the new subdivision, just as it currently is on the east side, and to also place No Parking signs in this area. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all Traffic Safety Committee members present; **Absent:** Paula Fitzgerald.

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF I STREET AND CARDOZA ROAD.** There was committee member discussion and it was stated that this intersection did not meet stop sign warrants; however, the area will continue to be monitored.

Motion by Fachin, seconded by Donovan to deny the request as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all Traffic Safety Committee members present; Absent: Paula Fitzgerald.

**CONSIDERATION OF REDUCTION OF 24-MINUTE PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF THE LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT.** There was committee member discussion and Interim Chief Knapp explained that currently there is one (1) handicap space, two (2) red zone spaces, and six (6) green 24-minute spaces. It was stated that staff parking is currently limited and the public does not utilize all of the green 24-minute parking spaces at any given time.

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Guintini to change three (3) of the current 24-minute parking spaces into three (3) unmarked unlimited parking spaces. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all Traffic Safety Committee members present; Absent: Paula Fitzgerald.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PARKING ELIMINATION ON BIRCH AVENUE, EUCALYPTUS DRIVE, MULBERRY WAY, AND PERSIMMON WAY.** It was stated that there have been citizen concerns regarding emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks, being unable to get through when vehicles are parked on both sides of a street.

Motion to by Donovan, seconded by Fachin to continue this item to the next regular meeting and have Fire Chief Guintini diagram the area showing the requested parking elimination. It was stated that Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin would survey the area along with the Fire Chief to find a solution. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all Traffic Safety Committee members present; Absent: Paula Fitzgerald.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin stated that there was a speed study conducted on Highway 165 from Pioneer all the way out of town and that the 35mph has been extended a bit. Planning Commissioner Donovan stated that he has seen motor homes hooked up with electrical and he would like to see this looked into.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The Traffic Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Mark B. Knapp \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark B. Knapp, Chairman

ATTEST:

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