

**CITY OF LOS BANOS  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 12, 2011**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Police Chief Brizzee called the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting to order at the hour of 2:07 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); Gary Brizzee, Police Chief (Police Department); Tom Mello, Planning Commissioner; ABSENT: Paula Fitzgerald, Planning Director (Planning Department).

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Assistant City Clerk/Human Resources Technician Sousa; Police Officer Warkentin.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Fachin, seconded by Guintini to approve the April 5, 2011 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Absent: Planning Director 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.** Chairman Brizzee opened the public forum, no one came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

Chief Brizzee requested that item 5b be heard first since there were citizens present to speak on it.

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR TWO (2) HANDICAP PARKING SPACES AND A HANDICAP RAMP AT ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LOCATED AT 401 W. L STREET.** John Combs, St. Alban's Reverend, introduced Alan Wilber who stated people are having a difficult time getting over the curb, parking lot is a gravel area so the church is not able to place handicap parking in it, there are two existing driveways on Illinois Avenue and he would like to see blue markings near each driveway; Kenneth Jones stated he knows what it is like to travel the area in the rain, not easy to get around in a wheelchair with thick stone gravel in his way; Reverend Combs stated that the cost to change the parking lot and add handicap parking is prohibitive to the church;

Alan Wilber stated that not only the congregation uses their church, but outside groups use it as well.

Public Works Director Fachin stated the City does not restrict any off-site parking if there is an on-site solution. Police Chief Brizzee asked if maybe others who use the church could assist with funding a couple of handicap spaces in the church parking lot. Fire Chief Guintini stated that the parking lot would have to be brought up to code.

There was discussion between committee members and the church members who spoke which included possible solutions for handicap parking at the church. It was stated that the City would like to see handicap parking on the private property due to general safety.

Public Works Director Fachin and Fire Chief Guintini both stated they were more than happy to work with the church on bringing the parking lot improvements up to code. Reverend Combs thanked the committee for their assistance with this matter and stated that the committee made this meeting worth while.

No action was taken on this item.

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CARDOZA ROAD AND I STREET (Continued from April 5, 2011).**

Police Officer Warkentin stated the intersection does not meet criteria for a multi-stop at this time and it was stated that the intersection functions adequately at the moment.

Motion by Fachin, seconded by Guintini to deny the request for a 4-way stop at the intersection of Cardoza Road and I Street. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Absent: Planning Director Fitzgerald.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS.** Fire Chief Guintini asked what the timeframe was for the work Caltrans is scheduled to complete on Mercey Springs Road. Public Works Director Fachin stated that the timeframe has already passed and the project will stretch from Henry Miller Road to Interstate 5. Public Works Director Fachin then stated that he still hasn't been in contact with Caltrans regarding tree issues at the Panda Express; he will take a look at the area, trees may need to be removed.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:49 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Gary Brizzee  
Gary Brizzee, Chairman

ATTEST:

/ s / Jana R. Sousa  
Jana R. Sousa, Assistant City Clerk