

CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2014

*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 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PRESENT:
Stacy Elms, Assistant Planner II (Community & Economic Development Department); Timothy Marrison, Assistant Fire Chief (Fire Department); Greg Pimentel, Acting Assistant Public Works Director (Public Works Department); Gary Brizzee (Police Department); Tom Mello (Planning Commission Representative).

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Planning Technician Sandra Benetti.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mello, seconded by Brizzee to approve the April 1, 2014 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action 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. Police Chief Brizzee opened the public forum. No one came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A BUS LOADING ZONE AND BUS DROP OFF SIGNAGE ON K STREET IN FRONT OF WESTSIDE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Police Chief Brizzee stated this request came from Mr. Joe McColloch, Principal of Westside Union Elementary School, for the City to limit access to the current loading/unloading parking zone for bus loading/unloading due to the addition of a severely handicapped Kindergarten class for the 2014-15 school year.

Mr. McColloch presented his request, noting that the approximate length of curb designation for the bus loading/unloading zone on K Street is 35 feet.

Motion by Elms, seconded by Pimentel to approve the request for a bus loading zone for 35 feet and bus drop off signage on K Street in front of Westside Union Elementary School. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A RED CURB “NO PARKING” ON 7TH STREET IN FRONT OF THE BUY & SAVE MARKET. Police Chief Brizzee stated this request came from the owner of Buy & Save Market for the City to paint a red “No Parking” curb in front of his store on 7th Street due to the hazards created by parked vehicles and delivery trucks that obscure the view of vehicles exiting the parking lot as well as the hazard to the students being released from San Luis High School who have to walk into the street to pass in front of exiting vehicles.

There was committee member discussion regarding there currently being ten feet of marked red curb, how the biggest problem reported by the store owner is difficulty seeing past the lifted trucks parked on the street between the business and the school, how there would need to be a study on height clearances if height restrictions were to be placed on parked vehicles, extending the red curb under guidelines of the Municipal Code, and how this is a high traffic area and safety is a concern.

Motion by Marrison, seconded by Elms to approve the request to direct the Public Works Department to evaluate the situation and determine the necessary amount of curb to be painted red up to the property line. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PARKING STALL MODIFICATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF I STREET AND 6TH STREET (LUCY LAWRENCE, BRANCH MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF RABOBANK). Police Chief Brizzee stated this request came from Rabobank Branch Manager Lucy Lawrence for four parking stalls on Sixth Street in front of her business to be designated green curb to limit parking to twenty-five minutes as well as designate a parking stall on I Street nearest the red curb as a handicap parking stall.

There was committee member discussion regarding the City’s practice of not limiting public parking unless there is a safety concern, how enforcing the restricted parking would be an issue, the suggestion of limiting all downtown parking between certain hours anywhere from thirty minutes to two hours, and how the Committee should receive input from the Downtown Association on restricting all downtown parking.

Motion by Mello, seconded by Brizzee to deny the request for the designation of four parking stalls on Sixth Street in front of Rabobank as green curb to limit parking to twenty-five minutes. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present.

There was committee member discussion regarding how the Committee shouldn’t approve the designation of a handicap parking stall unless it meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and how an evaluation should be done to determine what kind of handicap parking is needed for downtown and a plan is identified.

Motion by Pimentel, seconded by Marrison to deny the request for the designation of a parking stall on I Street nearest the red curb in front of Rabobank as a handicap parking stall until further review. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. Committee Member Mello suggested the relocation of the four way stop sign on Madison Avenue and Sixth Street to Jefferson Avenue and Sixth Street.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Gary Brizzee _____
Gary Brizzee, Chairman

ATTEST:

/ s / Sandra Benetti _____
Sandra Benetti, Planning Technician