

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 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); Mark Fachin, Public Works Director/City Engineer (Public Works Department); Gary Brizzee (Police Department); Tom Mello (Planning Commission Representative).

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Clerk/Human Resources Director Lucy Mallonee.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Elms, seconded by Mello to approve the July 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 TRAFFIC CONTROLS ON BIRCHWOOD AVENUE TO INCLUDE POSTING OF THE SPEED LIMIT (ROSEMARIE SCHMITT).

Rosemarie Schmitt, Los Banos, spoke about her concerns regarding the safety of her neighborhood stating she would like to see speed limit signs posted, she's a tax payer and wants to know what Los Banos is doing for her, would like to start a neighborhood watch in her neighborhood, concerned with the bus stop in her neighborhood and children getting hurt while waiting at the bus stop, she is willing to get signatures if needed to get speed limit signs posted in her neighborhood.

There was committee member discussion regarding how the prima facie speed limit in residential areas is 25mph, posting the speed limit does not necessarily stop vehicles from speeding, concerns regarding setting precedence if additional speed limit signs are posted in this neighborhood and not others.

Motion by Elms, seconded by Mello to post 25mph speed limit signs within a reasonable distance of the far side intersections west of the Stonewood Drive/Birchwood Avenue Intersection and East of the Nantes Avenue/Birchwood Avenue Intersection. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Brizzee, Elms, Marrison, Mello; NOES: Fachin; ABSENT: None.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF TRAFFIC SURVEY AND POSSIBLE TRAFFIC CONTROLS ON CARDOZA ROAD BETWEEN CENTER AVENUE AND BADGER FLAT ROAD.

Police Chief Brizzee presented the staff report and handed out a traffic survey which included maps of the area. Police Officer Todd Pricolo spoke regarding the traffic report and noted that the West I Street and Cardoza Road intersection did not warrant a stop sign, how during his traffic survey at the intersection of Ortigalita Road and Cardoza Road he could not keep up with the pedestrian and vehicle traffic counts as they were too heavy and speed limit signs in the area are inconsistent. Police Chief Brizzee spoke about the proposed changes (distributed at the meeting and on file with the City Clerk) and how this will totally change traffic flow in the area. Assistant Planner II Elms questioned if the proposed changes to the area would change the current traffic model. Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin stated the changes would not affect the traffic model because they are residential streets and how there is a school being proposed in the area as well. Commissioner Mello stated he has a rental property within 500 feet of the proposed change and would not be participating in the vote.

Motion by Fachin, seconded by Brizzee to adopt changes as proposed in the traffic report to include adding stop signs and crosswalks on Ortigalita Road at the intersection of Cardoza Road, reducing the speed limit to 45mph on Cardoza Road from Pioneer Road to Pacheco Boulevard, and reducing the speed to 25mph on Cardoza Road between Landing Way and Hemlock Drive. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Brizzee, Elms, Fachin, Marrison, Mello; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Mello; ABSENT: None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. Commissioner Mello stated this may be his last Traffic Safety Meeting as his term of Planning Commissioner ends in December and he may decide not to re-apply for the Planning Commission. Assistant Planner II Elms stated she spoke with the Downtown Association regarding the issue of handicap parking or temporary parking in the downtown area and she still has no answers or clear direction on the issue.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Gary Brizzee, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lucy Mallonee, City Clerk