

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2015**

*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, Fire Chief (Fire Department); Mark Fachin, Public Works Director/City Engineer (Public Works Department); Gary Brizzee (Police Department); Tom Spada (Planning Commission Representative).

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant City Clerk/Human Resources Technician Sousa.

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 Marrison, seconded by Fachin to approve the October 7, 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 RESTRICTED “EMPLOYEE ONLY” PARKING AT THE MERCED COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATED AT 1312 7TH STREET (COLLEEN MENELEE). COLLEEN MENELEE, Friends of the Library, spoke regarding the need for a designated parking area for library staff, explained how when the library staff is leaving work at night they do not feel safe walking to their vehicle, wants the library staff to have a parking space close to the library, parking is especially a problem when special events are being held at the stadium. LYNETTE GERBI, Friends of the Library, stated she ordered signs that read “Library Staff Only” and was wondering where the best place would be to post them, wants to make sure the signs are ok with the City, thanked the City for placing security lighting near the library.

Chief Marrison left the room at 2:07 p.m.

There was committee member discussion regarding the placement of Ms. Gerbi's signs and how the parking restriction would not be enforceable since it is not in the City's Municipal Code.

Motion by Fachin, seconded by Spada to add one (1) parking space in front of the library designated for library staff parking; exact location to be determined by the Public Works department. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Brizzee, Elms, Fachin,

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN ON ORTIGALITA ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF SANDRA STREET (BRENDA GARCIA).

BRENDA GARCIA, Los Banos, stated that her dog was killed by a vehicle speeding through the neighborhood, she just bought her home 3 months ago and lives on the corner, she sees vehicles speeding on Ortigalita Road that are not respecting the speed limit signs, some drivers are even texting or on their phone, would like to see a stop sign placed to stop the speeding vehicles. EMMA MORALES, Los Banos, stated she has lived in the area for over a year, how she herself missed turning onto Sandra Street from Ortigalita Road because a vehicle was moving too fast.

Committee Member Spada, stated he lives on Neal Street and believes the stop sign placed at Ortigalita Road and Cardoza Road has helped the situation, feels that installing another 4-way stop sign right after another one may cause rear-end collisions to occur. Committee Member Fachin stated stop signs are not installed for the purpose of speed control. Chairman Brizzee spoke about how this is more of an enforcement issue and explained how the City follows a California manual for installation of traffic control devices, the police department reviewed the last 12 months of records for the intersection and there were no reported accidents, without any supporting data the City is not supposed to change the flow of traffic, there are a few times a year when the police department conducts major traffic enforcement in problem areas, offered to speak with Ms. Garcia after the meeting and talk further regarding traffic monitoring in the area.

Motion by Marrison, seconded by Fachin to deny the request and add additional police patrols in the area. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Gary Brizzee, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jana R. Sousa, Assistant City Clerk