

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2017**

*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 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PRESENT: Tim Marrison, Fire Chief (Fire Department); Mark Fachin, Public Works Director/City Engineer (Public Works Department); Gary Brizzee, Police Chief (Police Department); Stacy Elms, Senior Planner (Community & Economic Development Department); **Absent:** Palmer McCoy (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; Absent: McCoy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 5, 2016 AND OCTOBER 4, 2016: Motion by Marrison, seconded by Fachin to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Absent: McCoy.

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. BOB ZAVALA, Los Banos, spoke about how at one time Dove Street was a dead-end street and since it's been opened up it is like a race track, there are no houses after Meadowlark Street so the vehicles just race through, there are speed limit signs posted and people are not obeying the posted speed limit, how neighbors in his area have all been to previous Traffic Safety Committee meetings to state the same thing. No one else came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST CHANGE THE STREET PARKING IN FRONT OF BBQ-PROS, LOCATED AT 720 I STREET, TO INCLUDE ADDING GREEN CURB AND DIAGONAL PARKING SPACES (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 4, 2016). Fire Chief Marrison requested to remove himself from voting on the item due to the fact that the applicant is an employee of the Fire Department; Marrison then left the room.

Chief Brizzee stated that this request has come forward to the committee in the past and the owner of BBQ Pros is concerned that customer parking is being taken up in front of the building, how the request has been denied once and the owner requested to bring the item back to the committee again for consideration. There was committee

member discussion regarding diagonal parking spaces not being viable in the area and how the green curb had already been denied.

Motion by Brizzee, seconded by Fachin to deny the request for green curb and diagonal parking spaces. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Absent: Marrison, McCoy.

Fire Chief Marrison returned.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RED CURB “NO PARKING ZONE” NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE DRIVEWAY APPROACH AT ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH LOCATED AT 1621 CENTER AVENUE. Chief Brizzee stated the church is requesting additional red curb due to a sight distance issue.

Motion by Elms, seconded by Marrison, to approve the additional red curb 50 lineal feet to the north and 55 lineal feet to the south of the existing red curb. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Absent: McCoy.

CONSIDERATION OF A SPEED CUSHION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LOS BANOS AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF THE POLICY. Chief Brizzee stated that the policy is waiting on comments from the City Attorney, questioned if the committee would like to pull the item and come back with the policy at a later date. The committee wished to move forward with the discussion with the caveat that if the policy is recommended to Council and there are any significant changes made by the City Attorney the policy would need to be brought back at the committee level for further discussion. Chief Brizzee then presented the report highlighting important sections of the policy.

KATHY BALLARD, Los Banos, inquired as to what neighborhoods would be posted below 25mph and if Measure V could help pay for this. It was stated that 25mph is the prima fascia speed limit in all residential areas unless posted otherwise and that Measure V would indeed be able to assist with funding. COLLEEN CRAWFORD, Los Banos, requested clarification on the distance requirements contained in the policy, how many sets would be placed within so many feet and what the second plan would be if this doesn’t help to calm traffic, inquired as to when the application would be available to the public. The committee responded to the questions appropriately.

Motion by Fachin, seconded by Brizzee to continue the item to a date uncertain. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present; Absent: McCoy.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin stated that stop signs have not been installed at the intersection of I Street and Texas Avenue yet due to the cold weather, the crosswalk has been installed. Fire Chief Marrison spoke about Palermo Street and Place Road intersection and not wanting to see that get dropped, requested to add the item to the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Gary Brizzee _____
Gary Brizzee, Chairman

ATTEST:

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