

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 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:
Timothy Marrison, Fire Chief (Fire Department); Greg Pimentel, Assistant Public Works Director (Public Works Department); Gary Brizzee (Police Department); Palmer McCoy (Planning Commission Representative); Stacy Elms, Senior Planner (Community & Economic Development Department).

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2015: Motion by Marrison, seconded by Elms to approve the 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. RACHEL HUDZIETZ, 313 J Street, spoke regarding her concerns for the speeding traffic on J Street near her home, her autistic son and how this affects him, she would like to see those traveling on J Street do the 25 mph speed limit, would like to see stop signs installed at J and 3rd Street and become a 4-way stop, concerns for the intersection at J and Nevada Streets, how she has gone to several neighbors and the too support the stop signs. Police Chief Brizzee stated that he will put this topic on the next Traffic Safety Agenda in October 2015. No one else came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO EXTEND GREEN CURB MARKING IN FRONT OF THE VACANT BUSINESS NEXT TO MARFAB (1025 I STREET). Police Chief Brizzee spoke regarding the request. Senior Planner Elms stated that she has spoken with MARFAB representatives and the reason why they want the curb extended to green is to help fill the vacant suite in their building, safety concerns when trying to exit out of the alley way; she noted that an extended green curb would include the entire building not to the alley way, that the existing green curb is very effective for which they are very appreciative. There was committee member discussion regarding through traffic and solutions, eliminating the alley access, how they currently have property that employees and business owners can park on and there is also adjacent parking in the

parking lot and he is not in support of extending the green curb, when they received initial approval and if this causes enforcement issues., how they have been impacted by the strip mall behind them and had previously worked with the owner for solutions to keep employees from another building from parking in front of their building, if this is approved would other businesses going to want the same, the traffic control section as to the marking and signs set for criteria in situations like this is vague, if there is an issue with access and how it's an issue with any alley in town, and how a business at C & 7th Streets were having delivery trucks parking in a certain area and they went out and looked at it and ended up red curbing it for safety issues.

Senior Planner Elms stated that the Pacheco Strip Mall wasn't planned properly, wasn't surveyed correctly, with the end result of lost parking because of the error, the impact there is not their fault but the Planning Department's.

Motion by Brizzee, seconded by Pimentel to deny the request for to extend green curb marking in front of the vacant business next to MARFAB (1025 I Street). The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO ADD GREEN CURB MARKING IN FRONT OF BBQ PROS (720 I STREET). Fire Chief Marrison stated that the proposed applicant is an employee of his and would like to excuse himself from the discussion and decision, for which Police Chief Brizzee is fine and Mr. Marrison left the Council Chambers.

Steve Gallichio, owner of BBQ Pros, stated his concerns with green curb painting in the area, his business has been there one year, how his neighbors park in front of his store front, he has very limited parking for his customers, he does not own the parking lot adjacent to his business the church owns it, his business driveway even gets blocked by non-customers on a regular basis with Wednesday-Saturday-Sundays being the worst, how they do not use the parking lot, concerned because of his limited spaces and how he has delivery trucks that show up and they have to park in the middle of 7th Street to unload, how 7th & I Streets are very busy, the parking that we do have is for our employees, Yellow Brick Road Day Care parking across the street is not used by their employees and they park in front of his business not theirs, he has talked to them about them parking in front of his business, he would like the parking in front of his business be for his customers only, not 2-4 hours, church goes park there for whole days, they don't park in the parking lot that is empty, wants green curbage and signage just on his property line in front of his business, this is the second or third church that has been in that building, there was never an issue before, they are not very cooperative, delivery vehicles drop off heaving items that make it hard to move long distances, he is concerned about parking and safety of his customers, how he has spoken to the Yellow Brick Road Daycare owner and she said she would take care of it, but no long relief. There was committee member discussion regarding very limited parking on 6th Street and hears complaints all the time, thoughts of doing something different downtown i.e. meters to fund enforcement, how the parking lot is not owned by the church, how this is a little different than MARFAB because they do not own the adjacent parking lot for their customers and how this is always going to be a situation, if we can set it as a condition of approval, how there needs to be a better standard than what the traffic control states regarding green curbs, we denied green curbing to business downtown in the past,

there are numerous places that have a need for some type of order in the parking system, not wanting to establish a precedent for whoever comes and requests it, and how it would be nice to have specific standards to follow when approving/denying green curb requests in a business area, we need to be fair.

Motion by Pimentel, seconded by Brizzee to deny the request to add green curb marking in front of BBQ Pros (720 I Street). The motion carried by the affirmative action of all committee members present.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS. Assistant Public Works Director Pimentel stated that they need to do something about green curbs. Mr. McCoy spoke about the new school going in behind Target and how is that going to affect speed limits in that area for which Senior Planner Elms explained that no mitigation is needed according to the Traffic Study Analysis done, the City does have concerns but the Los Banos Unified School District went solely on their Traffic Study.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Gary Brizzee _____
Gary Brizzee, Chairman

ATTEST:

/ s / Lucille L. Mallonee _____
Lucille L. Mallonee, City Clerk