

Joint Traffic Committee Minutes

November 26, 2007

1) Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Members in attendance: Dick Katz, Alethea Altenbern, Robin Kaufman, Andrea Thomas, Irv Sherman, Myrna Reese, Kathy Keehan, Richard House. Member who showed up late: Bill Renstrom. Members excused: Patti Perna, Dick Walker, Joe Dirks. Guests: Carol Terzakis, Bob Ilko, Margaret Espiritu, Steve Martin, Eelia Henderscheid.

2) Approval of August minutes: Kathy Keehan made the motion, seconded by Myrna Reese. Minutes approved unanimously and will be posted by the end of the week.

3) Bernardo Heights Parkway speeding problems ~ tabled.

4) Four way stop sign on Roca and Rios ~ resident Margaret Espiritu presented information regarding an alternative method of obtaining the stop signs. Ms. Espiritu put together a petition and obtained 40 signatures. It was suggested by the committee that she find out how many reside in the near by condo complex to assure enough residents were informed and signed the petition. It was also suggested that signatures be obtained by those who live on Rios between Bernardo Oaks and Pomerado as well as between Orilla and Felice. Ms. Espiritu will follow up on the suggestions prior to submitting the petition.

5) Update on Ramona Catholic Pipeline project ~ this was tentative. Presenters opted to give information at full Community Council and Planning Board meetings.

6) Update on Planning Board's bylaw vote pertaining to Joint Traffic Committee ~ Irv Sherman informed the committee that the Planning Board voted to make the committee a Planning Board only committee. Not a joint committee as has been the situation since the early 1980's. He stated the Planning Board voted to propose to the city that while a Planning Board committee, residents and Community Council members can be members of the committee. Mr. Sherman stated this came about when the city decided all Planning Boards should have a 'shell' document to work with in regard to their bylaws. Each group was allowed to make any variations to the 'shell' to better suit the individual communities. Kathy Keehan inquired as to the vote in regard to this decision. Response was that Dick Katz, Myrna Reese, Dick Walker, Robin Kaufman, Joe Dirks ~ all actual members of the Joint Traffic Committee ~ voted to keep the committee as a joint committee. Majority of Planning Board members who voted in favor of making it only a Planning Board committee have never served on the Joint Traffic Committee. Andrea Thomas asked if there will be Co-chairs as has always been the policy since the mid 1980's. Irv said no. Committee chair will be a Planning Board member. He went on to say the majority of members do not have to be Planning Board members as is the requirement of all other Planning Board subcommittees.

7) Other Items: This item was discussed first at the meeting. However, since it was not on the agenda at the time, it is being placed in this category: Matinel and Florinda all way stop signs, presented by resident Eeli Henderscheid and Steve Martin. The two residents wanted clarification as to how many residents should sign the petition for an alternative method of obtaining the all way stop. Committee suggested 75-80% who will be directly impacted at that location. Committee further suggested to obtain as many residents as possible on the petition to make sure they are aware of the situation. This is to assure there will not be a problem with a number of residents claiming they were unaware of the all way stop situation.

-Carol Terzakis presented information regarding a resident fatality at Pomerado Road and Pomerado Court. The day after the incident, Ms. Terzakis contacted by the councilmember's office and traffic department. The traffic department is doing a study on the situation. She also spoke with Gary Carlson, head of Neighborhood Watch to help with a petition for the installation of a traffic light at that intersection. It was recommended to Ms. Terzakis to speak to as many residents in the area as possible and encourage them to contact the city regarding the situation. It was decided to make this an agenda item at the next traffic committee meeting.

-it was unanimously approved to go dark in December due to the holidays.

8) Adjournment ~ meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectively submitted by Robin Kaufman