

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES**

**March 24, 2011**

\*\*\*THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMISSION.\*\*\*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Cesar Cano called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. Public Works Office Specialist, Elizabeth Salazar, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Commissioner Cesar Cano (Veres)  
Commissioner Angel Zobel-Rodríguez (De La Torre)  
Commissioner José Ruelas (E. Hernández)  
Commissioner Ralph Perez (Esqueda)

ALSO PRESENT: PW Director, Ron Ruiz  
Public Works Office Specialist, Elizabeth Salazar

ABSENT: Police Sergeant, Nichole Hanchett

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez motioned to approve the Transportation & Safety Commission agenda as amended for March 24, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Commissioners were not provided with minutes, due to the fact that this was a special meeting only for Morningside Elementary School Loading Zone and Park Avenue 50% Design Drawings.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Mr. Ruiz provided the Commission with a second letter from Teresa Rowan of “Marie’s Party Palace”. Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that Ms. Rowan’s letter expressed her concern more towards the afternoon traffic. Mr. Ruiz also informed the Commission that they will not be able to accommodate Ms. Rowan’s green curb idea for their business. Mr. Ruiz states that he had

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a phone conversation with Ms. Rowan and that he spoke to her in person as well prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that he believes that Ms. Rowan understood the situation.

Ian Fitzsimmons, from Aszkenazy Development Inc. attended the meeting and brought a few concerns and comments to the Commission. Mr. Fitzsimmons introduced him self to the Commission and informed the Commission that he received his Masters in Landscape Architecture from Cal Poly. Mr. Fitzsimmons is concerned that the senior housing building is missing a few emergency exits, and he is also concerned about the zic-zag cross walk. Mr. Fitzsimmons believes that this might create confusion for the seniors. Mr. Fitzsimmons also believes that the biggest issue is the empty mid lot, which has been approved for the construction of apartments. Mr. Fitzsimmons expressed his concern on the visual design of this project; he believes that the project is being mostly focused on the pool aspect and not on the residential aspect. Commission agreed with Mr. Fitzsimmons safety concerns for the senior housing building and cross walk design.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Morningside Elementary School Loading Zone-** Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that Morningside Elementary School Staff was unable to attend the meeting because this meeting was very sudden, and when they did in fact call on Tuesday, he informed them that the meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Ruiz also informed the Commission that he and Commissioner Ralph Perez had an opportunity to meet with school staff at Morningside and discuss the proposed loading zone.

Mr. Ruiz provided the Commission with a map of the proposed loading zone for Morningside Elementary School. Commissioners are concerned that school staff will be loosing about ten parking spaces. Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that school staff informed him that they are expecting to loose teachers because of the budget cuts.

The Commission is concerned that school volunteers will be placing cones for the valet parking earlier than they should. Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that school volunteers must comply with loading zone hours at all times.

The Commission is also concerned about the Brand Blvd loading zone, which was granted by the previous Commission during the Maclay Ave improvements. They believe that if the loading zone is also granted on Fifth Street, that this might raise an issue. The Commission requested the approved minutes of when Brand Blvd loading zone was granted. The Commission also requested that LAUSD staff be present for the next meeting.

Mr. Ruiz recommends putting traffic counters on the North and South side between Maclay and Fifth Street, in order to get a sense of the traffic volume. The Commission agrees with Mr. Ruiz. Item to be continued.

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2. **Park Avenue 50% Design Drawings-** Mr. Ron Ruiz informed the Commission that the Landscape architect that the City hired provided him with a draft of the 50% Improvement Design of Park Avenue. Mr. Ruiz provided the Commission with the 50% Improvement Design of Park Avenue for discussion purposes. Mr. Ruiz wants to convey any comments that the Commission will have to the Special City Council meeting on Monday March 28, 2011. Mr. Ruiz thoroughly discussed draft drawings with the Commission. The Commission has three main concerns; 1) the zic-zag cross walk in front of the senior housing building; 2) The pool sign in the park bringing a lot of attention and welcoming graffiti; and 3) The retaining wall behind the corner residence. Item to be continued.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

None.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.