

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

April 22, 2010

***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 7:02 p.m. Public Works Office Specialist, Maria Padilla, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

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

ALSO PRESENT: PW Director, Ron Ruiz
Police Sergeant, Kevin Glasgow
Police Sergeant, Daniel Ambriz
Police Sergeant, Nichole Hanchett
Public Works Office Specialist, Maria Padilla

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Perez led the pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ballin motioned to approve the Transportation & Safety Commission agenda for April 22, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruelas. The motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Ballin motioned to approve the minutes for the March 18, 2010, Transportation & Safety Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Speeding on Fourth Street** –This item was placed on the agenda per the request of Mayor Pro-Tem Esqueda. The issue is speeding on Fourth Street primarily between Harding and Hubbard. One of the challenges with Fourth Street is that it is an arterial street—meant for traffic to cross through the City. There are four-way stops on Harding/Fourth and also on Orange Grove Ave. and a traffic signal on Hubbard. Traffic counts were taken in 2006 and at that time the criteria for volume or speeding to qualify per the San Fernando Traffic Calming study that was approved by the Council was not met. Mr. Ruiz informed that Commission that they can make a recommendation to put some type of device such as stops signs or speed humps. The Commission can also direct staff to conduct new traffic counts.

Mayor Pro-Tem Esqueda commented on the issue. The Commission discussed the issue.

Commissioner Ruelas suggested new traffic counts be taken since the previous ones were taken in 2006.

Commissioner Cano asked staff when the next 10-year traffic study would be conducted. He also questioned if Fifth Street and Seventh Street had the same number of stop signs. Commissioner Cano also asked for an evaluation of the condition of the signs.

Staff was directed to:

1. Put counters out to begin process of collecting data as to volume and speed of vehicles. Counts to be done in segments - starting with Harding and Orange Grove.
2. Signage Evaluation
3. Take a look at Seventh Street – Speed Humps
4. Take a look at Library and Fifth Street – Stop Signs
5. Take into consideration new school on Fourth Street.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **O'Melveny St./Workman St. Stop Signs** – Ron Ruiz informed the Commission that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has been contacted. Staff to investigate if there is an equivalent commission to the Transportation and Safety Commission.
2. **Commission Task List** – Commissioners discussed the task list with staff.

Sgt. Ambriz took questions/comments from the Commission after giving his Code Enforcement presentation.

Sgt. Glasgow can provide Commission with traffic enforcement data on number of citations issued Fourth Street.

Commissioner Cano asked Sgt. Glasgow to provide to the Commission with enforcement plan/suggestions for Fourth Street speeding issue.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ruelas – Asked for clarification on one of the upcoming projects that were submitted to Council by Public Works.

Commissioner Cano – Received a call from resident that lives near Las Palmas Park regarding lack of parking in that area. Resident is interested in inquiring about parking permits and will attend a future Commission meeting. Commissioner Cano asked if there is a database on number of times the City has deviated from traffic control qualifications.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Sgt. Glasgow provided the Commission with copies of the California Law Enforcement Challenge report. Sgt. Glasgow introduced Sgt. Nichole Hanchett. Sgt. Hanchett will be acting as his alternate when he cannot attend the Commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 @ 7 p.m.

Commissioner Ballin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ruelas. The motion carried unanimously.