

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**May 18, 2011**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Angel Zobel-Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Public Works Office Specialist, Elizabeth Salazar, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Commissioner David Mendoza (Lopez)  
Commissioner Ralph Perez (Esqueda)  
Commissioner Angel Zobel-Rodríguez (De La Torre)

ALSO PRESENT: PW Director, Ron Ruiz  
Public Works Office Specialist, Elizabeth Salazar  
Police Sergeant, Nichole Hanchett

ABSENT: Commissioner Phillip Ballin (S. Ballin)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the Transportation & Safety Commission agenda for May 18, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mendoza. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the special meeting minutes for the April 13, 2011, Transportation & Safety Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mendoza. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Transportation & Safety Commission-** The Commission motioned to move this item to the next Transportation & Safety Commission

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meeting on June 15, 2011, due to Commissioner Ballin's absence to the meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Nueva Esperanza Charter School-** Mr. Ruiz notified the Commission that Nueva Esperanza Charter School's approval of the Transportation Management Plan and Certificate of Occupancy are still in progress. Mr. Ruiz also informed the Commission that once all the plans have been submitted to the City, then the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department will need to review the plans and make sure that they meet all the requirements.

Mr. Ruiz was able to provide and clarify the staggering of the hours to the Commission by informing them that Nueva Esperanza Charter School will coordinate the starting time of the school with the other schools in the area.

Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that Nueva Esperanza Charter School is trying to open its doors a month before the summer vacation. Mr. Ruiz stated that if the school opens for a month it gives us an opportunity to see how their Traffic Management Plan works out. Item to be continued.

2. **Morningside Elementary School Loading Zone-** Mr. Ruiz gave New Commissioner Mendoza a quick update on this item.

Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that the signs for the proposed loading zone at Morningside Elementary School have been ordered, and that they arrived two days ago. The reason why Mr. Ruiz went ahead and ordered the signs is because he is concerned with the safety of the kids that are walking through double parked cars.

In addition, Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that he has not heard back from the Morningside Elementary School principal. However, Mr. Ruiz will try to contact the school staff in order to coordinate the valet program with them.

Mr. Ruiz shared with the Commission that he feels that installing the signs now will be a great opportunity, because we will have the summer to make any necessary changes to the valet parking plan for the new school year. Item to be continued.

3. **Blue Curb Policy-** Mr. Ruiz provided the Commission with a modified copy of the Blue Curb Policy. Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that the attempt with this is to have a strict policy in paper for people to follow. Item to be removed.
4. **O'Melveny St. / Workman St. Stop Signs-** Mr. Ruiz provided the Commission with a copy of a possible solution to the O'Melveny St. / Workman St. Stop Signs. Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that the City has no funds to make any type of modifications to these streets. Therefore the Commission agreed that all they wanted to know is if there were other possibilities to accommodate this complaint. Sergeant Hanchett is concerned with the vehicles speed limit through that area. Sergeant Hanchett advised the Commission that she will have her officers install a radar trailer to document the average speed limit, and she will

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document and bring to the next meeting. The Commission feels comfortable and agreed with Sergeant Hanchett. Item to be removed.

5. **Las Palmas Park Disabled Parking-** Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that he was able to meet with the Senior Advisory Board and that they agreed to formalize any changes to the municipal code in order for police to cite anyone parking there without a permit.

Therefore, the Commission motioned to recommend item to the City Council in order to amend the municipal code to formalize this plan. However, the Commission is concerned with the costs that this might cause to formalize this request with the City Council. Item to be removed.

6. **Las Palmas Park Parking Permits** – Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that he was able to meet with the Senior Advisory Board and they also agreed to formalize any changes to the municipal code as well.

The Commission also motioned to recommend this item to the City Council in order to amend the municipal code to formalize this plan. Item to be removed.

7. **Speed Limit Signs and Speed Humps on Celis St. between Mission Blvd / Maclay Ave** – Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that staff has been very busy with other projects, therefore the traffic counters between San Fernando Mission and Maclay have not been installed. However Mr. Ruiz informed the Commission that he will bring the requested information to the next meeting. Item to be continued.

8. **Commission Task List** – Commissioners discussed the task list with staff.

### COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None.

### STAFF COMMUNICATION

Sergeant Hanchett recommended adding the OTS (Office of Traffic Safety) data to the task list.

Sergeant Hanchett informed the Commission of the San Fernando Police Department's Drivers License & DUI successful check point operation on April 29, 2011, between Del Sur and San Fernando Road.

Sergeant Hanchett shared with the Commission a pursuit which took place Monday, May 16, 2011, between San Fernando Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles School Police against five teenagers which were detained and charged.

Sergeant Hanchett also advised the Commission of a few recent daytime burglaries being investigated by San Fernando Police Department.

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Sergeant Hanchett invited the Commission to attend the neighborhood watch meeting Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.