

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
June 6, 2018**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Trujillo called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Office Specialist, Maria Padilla, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Chair Rudy Trujillo (Gonzales)
Vice Chair Dee Akemon (Ballin)
Commissioner Francisco Arrizon (Lopez)
Commissioner David Bernal (Fajardo)

ABSENT: Commissioner Jennifer Perez (Soto)
(NOTIFIED STAFF SHE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING)

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director/City Engineer Yazdan (Yaz) Emrani
Civil Engineering Assistant II Manuel Fabian
Lieutenant Christian Colelli
Office Specialist Maria Padilla

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Akemon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Arrizon motioned to approve the agenda for the June 6, 2018 Transportation & Safety Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Akemon. The motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

1. Tom Ross (SF Chamber of Commerce) commented on traffic issue in alley behind 1000 block of San Fernando Road. Mr. Ross suggested the change of hours allows to drive down the alley so that deliveries are done in the evenings and suggested speed humps and signal timings to discourage people from using alley as a shortcut.
2. Cristina Bernal (Throwback Junction & Resident) stated cars speed through alley with no regards to pedestrians.
3. Martha Diaz-Aszkenazy (Business owner and stakeholder) stated alley needs to be closed, as she sees no purpose for it.
4. Kimberly Palacios (Northeast Valley Health Corporation) expressed concern regarding crosswalk on San Fernando Road and Lazard Street.
5. Daniela Aguayo (Northeast Valley Health Corporation) advocated for her staff, patients, and residents if the Commission would consider help regulate the speed on San Fernando Road (crosswalk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bernal motioned to approve the minutes for May 2, 2018 Transportation & Safety Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arrizon. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ALLEY BEHIND 1000 BLOCK OF SAN FERNANDO ROAD – SPEEDING COMPLAINT** – Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yaz Emrani stated that it is understood that there are issues/concerns with keeping the alley open, however the alley is a “public right of way” and the issue needs to be studied further, before a recommendation can be made. If, however, the recommendation is to close the alley, it would have to be brought before the City Council and a public hearing conducted. Also, the refuse hauler currently uses it to pick up trash and deliveries are made to various businesses. There was also discussion about the possibility of installing a “Lockable Gate” in the alley, with only the City, businesses in the alley, as well as police and fire would have access to it. Mr. Emrani recommended police enforcement to mitigate speeding issue until a more permanent solution, such as potential installation of speed humps can be studied. Commissioner Bernal motioned to restrict access of the alley behind 1000 block of San Fernando Road between Brand Blvd. and Maclay Ave. to business owners and Republic Services only. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Akemon. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Emrani will follow up on this issue, including all available options, and Staff will notify Commission of the outcome at the next meeting.

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2. **O'MELVENY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC ISSUE** – Vice Chair Akemon briefed the Commission on issue of having San Fernando Police directing traffic in the morning and afternoons. San Fernando PD is currently assisting while crossing guard recovers from an injury. School will be contacted to have school police assist with issue.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

1. Commissioner Bernal commented on San Fernando Road and Lazard crosswalk.
2. Vice Chair Akemon commented on crosswalk issue.
3. Commissioner Arrizon thanked the Police department for taking care of abandoned vehicles.
4. Chair Trujillo requested update on crosswalk project and commented on growing homeless population.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Fabian provided the following updates:

- San Fernando Road Street Resurfacing Project
- San Fernando Road/Lazard Street Crosswalk will be referred to traffic engineer

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trujillo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. The motion carried by general consensus.