

Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes June 26, 2006
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-chair Richard Katz. The following Committee members were present: George Cooke, Dick Walker, Andrea Thomas, Kathy Keehan, Patti Perna (new committee member), Myrna Reese, Marty Lave, Jim Denton, and Alethea Altenbern. Also present were Hal Altenbern (to speak on the Sav-on update), Marianna Raasch (spokesperson for a large group of residents from Seven Oaks), Tom Reid (with a group of residents from Bernardo Heights), and approximately 40 community residents. The meeting was held in the 2nd floor conference room at the San Diego National Bank.
2. The minutes from the May 22, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Residents Remarks – Seven Oaks Traffic Problems - A large group of residents from Seven Oaks discussed long-standing issues of traffic speeding and related problems in the 55+ community of Seven Oaks. The discussions touched on many different topics, including speeding, speed humps, security, enforcement, signs, banning skateboards, and vandalism, etc.; but the primary emphasis was on the need to calm traffic on Lomica Drive. Other problem spots mentioned were Callado, Acena, Gabarda, and the intersection of Lomica at Hispano. One suggestion was for new stop signs on Lomica at Hispano. Committee members commented on the City's plans for a V-Calm sign on Lomica and offered various suggestions for things residents might be able to do. There was also discussion by committee members and the residents on the history and background of the problems in Seven Oaks and previous attempts through the years at solutions. Dick Walker took the signup list of the residents, and offered to pursue an opportunity for inter-agency enforcement in the area, similar to a recent activity in Chula Vista that was reported in the newspaper. Due to the large number of speakers, and the variety of suggestions, it was not possible to reach consensus during the meeting. Follow up work will be needed to identify solutions and determine a course of action. One action that can be taken now is for the Committee to send a letter supporting the use of RSVP and police enforcement of speeding.
4. Residents Remarks – Bernardo Heights Parking problems – there were some residents from Fairway Heights who raised concerns about the problem of RB High students parking on Paseo Lucido near Lucido Park. It was mentioned that this issue has been discussed in the past, and that the community needs to determine if they want to place parking restrictions in that area. Kathy Keehan made a suggestion that bike lanes could be put on Paseo Lucido, and that would end the parking. This possibility will be brought up next month.

5. Vista de Bernardo – Patti Perna reported that the City had modified the original proposal and has implemented it. It has been approved as submitted, and therefore, this item is resolved and no longer needs to be on the agenda.
6. Lomica / Hispano stop sign – Because of the long period of residents comments on the Seven Oaks issues, there was no action taken on this item.
7. Sav-on Update – Hal Altenbern reviewed again the background on this issue, and Dick Katz reported on a letter he sent to Mary Murphy Rice, with no reply to date. Dick said he will send another letter. Marty mentioned that publicity is one way to bring attention to an issue. Jim Denton will follow up with a code compliance complaint.
8. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Monday, July 24, 2006, in the 2nd floor meeting room at the San Diego National Bank, located at 16789 Bernardo Center Drive.