

Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes January 23, 2006
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by new Co-chair Richard Katz. The following Committee members were present: George Cooke, Richard House, Jerry Coates, Jim Denton, Stan Robbins, and Althea Altenbern. The following Community Guests were present: Richard Poque, Michelle Burrascano, Tom Quick, Flo Brunner, Reva Gabriel, Dennis Bammann, Virginia Huddleston, Joe and Patti Perna, Tom Giles, Dick Strauch, Chris Sullivan, Marilyn Sinclair, Fran Stern, and Dustin Dunn. The meeting was held in the 2nd floor conference room at the San Diego National Bank.
2. Jim Denton announced that Irving Sherman had resigned from the committee and introduced Dick Katz as the new Co-chair from the RB Planning Board.
3. The minutes from the November 28, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.
4. Residents Remarks – Several residents from the vicinity of Calle Vivienda and Calle Paracho spoke concerning the issue of restrictive parking in the areas of Woodcrest Heights and Vista de Bernardo in Bernardo Heights. Patti Perna, a spokesperson for residents living on Calle Vivienda and Calle Paracho, said she was not speaking on behalf of the Vista de Bernardo Board of Directors or Parking Committee. She gave a presentation, supported by a handout and petitions, on the background and history of the parking issue. She also described the conflicts between various petitions that had been circulated. Chris Sullivan, a Calle Vivienda resident and original owner from the developer, Wolf Homes, said that the parking problem was not new. There had been many attempts over the years to solve it, and because these are city streets, little could be done. They worked with the HOA's, Traffic Committee, and the City trying to get a solution. He also stated that the private parking in the development is not sufficient. He also described problems and safety issues, one involving buses. Dick Stauch, a Neighborhood Watch Leader, said that his house was across from Tierra del Sol. Enforcement of the 72 hour rule has been problematic, and vandalism resulted after one towing incident. The issue had become a battle between the City and the Tierra del Sol Development's lawyer. Discussion with committee members ensued. Permit parking is difficult and is in effect in only a few areas in the city. The residents have been to Neighborhood Code Compliance and the Fire Department. Tierra del Sol had red-curbed the 48 hour parking spots, but they now restrict it to visitors only, forcing excess parking onto the neighboring streets. Michelle Burrascano is president of the Woodcrest Heights HOA. She described the problem involving narrow streets and short driveways. The CCR's say no parking on the streets, but they have amended the CCR's to allow on-street parking on one side of the street for 3-car families, subject to an inspection of their garages. Dustin Dunn spoke to the issue of parking on Calle Paracho and submitted a signed statement dated 9/17 against the proposal for parking restrictions on that street. He said he

doesn't believe the magnitude of the problem is the same on Calle Paracho. Apparently some residents have signed both conflicting petitions, and some may have been misinformed or felt pressured to sign a petition. It was reported that Steve Denny of City Traffic Engineering said that only 51% rather than 75% of signatures are needed now for this type of request. Most committee members were unaware of this change. Jim Denton will contact Steve Denny and let him know that this will be an agenda item next month. Virginia Huddleton said the City should never have approved these developments in the first place because of the inadequacy of parking. Reva Gabriel reported a dangerous traffic accident that had occurred. Dennis Bammann stated that there should be one set of rules for a comprehensive community policy that doesn't split up the community. The guest speakers were thanked for their comments, and this item will be put as an agenda item on next month's meeting.

5. Approval for installation of V-tech signs – Brian Maienschein's office has secured funding for the installation of two V-tech signs, and the committee was asked to confirm the first two locations as Maturin Drive (eastbound) at Redbud Court, and Montero Road (westbound) across from Gibraltar Court. Dick Katz suggested that the Poblado / Duenda location should receive first priority, but George Cooke suggested that the list should remain as originally presented to avoid confusion. George presented a motion that we confirm the first two locations, along with the statement that the top four choices are all equally important, and that we hope funding can also be found soon for the next two locations. The motion passed unanimously, and this needs to be communicated to Brian Maienschein's office. The committee appreciates the councilman's efforts to get this important program started.
6. Update on pedestrian signal crossing at Bernardo Center Drive and Bernardo Plaza Drive – Dick Katz reported from an email he had received from City Traffic Engineering. Their study concludes that left turn signals for east and west bound traffic at this intersection is not warranted at this time. Also, concerning the request for countdown timers for the pedestrian crossing, it was reported that the City does not currently have funding for this. George Cooke and Jerry Coates are going to inspect this intersection and do their own timing of the pedestrian crossing, after which they will communicate to Daniel Naber, who is the Seven Oaks resident who originally reported the problem.
7. Update on the proposal for two left turning lanes on northbound Paseo Lucido at Bernardo Heights Parkway. Dick Katz reported from an email he had received from City Traffic Engineering. It reported that, based on their investigation, the two left turn lanes are not recommended, but that they will increase the green arrow time during peak afternoon hours, which should alleviate the problem.
8. Update on Carmel Valley road connections – George Cooke reported on the latest status of the new road connections that are anticipated between Rancho Bernardo and Carmel Valley, based on conversation with Brian Maienschein's

office. The Bernardo Center Drive to Carmel Valley Road connection is under construction, the City agreements are in place, and it is expected to open in the Fall of 2006. The Camino Del Norte to Camino Del Sur connection at Artesian Road has almost completed construction, and is expected to be ready next month, in February, 2006. However, at that time, there will be a barricade at the intersection, and the connection will be opened at a later time at the developer's discretion, based on their development phases. The City agreements are apparently in place for this, and Brian Maienschein's office is interested in knowing the position of the community on this. George discussed this with the committee and everyone agreed that the consensus in Rancho Bernardo is that both of these new road connections are needed as soon as possible. George will communicate this to Brian Maienschein's office.

9. Review of two-way entrance/exit behind the Savon Center – Althea Altenbern reported that we are at a standstill on this, and there has been no action or response from the Bernardo Towne Center group. The committee members had a brief discussion on ideas to get this moving.
10. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Monday, February 27, 2006, in the 2nd floor meeting room at the San Diego National Bank, located at 16789 Bernardo Center Drive.