

Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes March 27, 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, Jim Denton, Dick Walker, Kathy Keehan, Myrna Reese, Robin Kaufman, and Alethea Altenbern. Also present were Community Guests: Hal Altenbern, Patti Perna (Vista de Bernardo), and Andrea Thomas (a new member of the RB Community Council from Seven Oaks who is a potential new member of the traffic committee). Jerry Coats was excused. The meeting was held in the 2nd floor conference room at the San Diego National Bank.
2. The minutes from the February 27, 2005 meeting were approved, with the note that Hal Altenbern is now an attendee rather than a regular committee member.
3. Traffic Calming Discussion – Kathy Keehan distributed a handout and explained the City’s proposed new process for handling traffic calming requests. They want to deal with overall plans, rather than just handling them piecemeal. There will be some money set aside to fund traffic calming projects. Kathy’s presentation was followed by discussion by the committee members. Kathy reported that a thick manual is being worked on, and she will give follow up reports at future meetings.
4. Traffic Congestion on Iberia Place – George Cooke introduced this new issue and presented a proposed solution, based upon a request from an area resident who works at the nearby Clock Tower buildings. He also brought photographs illustrating the issue. There is often congestion at the intersection of Iberia Place and Bernardo Center Drive, caused by cars trying to enter and exit the Rubio’s shopping area across from the Firestone. Cars entering Iberia from Bernardo Center Drive are unable to drive past the congestion, because there are usually two parked vehicles on Iberia directly across from the driveway entrance to Rubios. That area of Iberia is red-curbed, except for a 36 foot gap, which allows parking for just two vehicles. If that gap were also red-curbed, there would be room for vehicles to drive past the congestion, rather than backing up traffic into Bernardo Center Drive. A motion was made by Myrna Reese and seconded by Jim Denton, to send a letter to the City recommending that the gap be red-curbed, and also to look at the intersection to see if anything else can be done. The motion was passed without opposition.
5. Update on Parking Issues in Woodcrest Heights and Vista de Bernardo – Resident, Patti Perna, representing the Vista de Bernardo Home Owners Association, presented the 24 page formal proposal, including the completed petitions, to the committee. This was the formal request for the 2:00 am to 6:00 am parking restrictions in the area, and it has also been submitted to the City. The City is currently verifying the signatures on the petitions, and Steve Denny and Dave DiPierro are working on it. The committee thanked Patti for her

professional and thorough presentation. A motion was introduced by Kathy Keehan and seconded by Alethea Altenbern, to recommend the implementation of the residents' request to the City. The motion passed unanimously, and Dick Katz will have Vicki write the letter.

6. Update on Pedestrian Crossing Time on Bernardo Center Drive at Bernardo Plaza Drive – Robin Kaufman reported that the City is currently reviewing our request from last month that dedicated pedestrian crossing time be reviewed for this intersection.
7. Update on two-way exit/entrance behind Savon off of Acena – Alethea Altenbern and Dick Walker gave an update on this issue. Dick spent the past month following up on expected actions from the Towne Center group, without much progress to report. Communications were not being answered, and in reviewing the history, nothing has been found that would support the need for ingress/egress restrictions. The Towne Center property owners are apparently being polled on the question, but a copy of the memo that was sent out was not provided to the committee. There should be a letter coming to us in about a week.
8. Other Items – Dick Walker described his efforts that resulted in the paving being repaired after some construction work on Pomerado Road. The request for striping on Rios Road in Seven Oaks was submitted as per Jerry Coats' request a month ago. Dick Kurtz commented on the problem of commercial vehicles parking in neighborhoods. This is probably a CC&R issue, and it will be discussed next month.
9. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Monday, April 24, 2006, in the 2nd floor meeting room at the San Diego National Bank, located at 16789 Bernardo Center Drive.