

City of Alamosa  
Planning Commission  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010  
6:00 p.m.  
Minutes of the Meeting

The regular meeting of Planning Commission was called to order on the above date at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Mark Manzanares. Present were the following members: Debbie Clark, Don Martinez, Robert McWhirter and Don Thompson. Excused: Shirley White. A quorum was declared. Staff present: Don Koskelin and Julie Scott.

**Agenda Approval: M/S/C.** Thompson, Martinez. Motion was made to approve agenda as presented. (Unanimous).

**Approval of the Minutes: M/S/C.** Thompson, McWhirter. Motion was made to approve the minutes of December 9, 2009 as submitted. (Unanimous)

**Regular Business- Conduct Public Hearings**

Zoning Issues: No applications received.

Planning Issues: No applications received.

Other Business:

Discussion of traffic issues at Ortega Middle School with Alamosa School District.

Members attending from the School District: Rob Alejo, Superintendent, Susie Paulson Principal – Ortega Middle School, Charlie Jackson, Maintenance Superintendent, Faustin Martinez, Accountability Committee.

Problems noted:

Traffic congestion, overall safety issues;  
Lane markings in the parking lot are not a huge help;  
Parents get blocked in by several lanes dropping off students in lot at the same time;  
Students darting between vehicles in parking lot drop off.

Suggestions brought forth:

Additional signage on Victoria;  
Notes sent to parents regarding drop off procedures;  
More police presence during drop off/pick up time;  
Flashing timed light on Victoria Ave. to alleviate stacking;  
Change bus drop off to Victoria facing south with doors to the curb;  
Shrink radius for bus drop off and share north lot to include student drop off;

Implement a drop off area in front of the school similar to the High School;  
Right in, right out at Stuart Ave. with a physical barrier T-bone configuration similar to  
Main St. and Del Sol ;  
Prohibit left turn off Victoria St. onto First St.;  
Pedestrian safety island in parking area drop off;  
Reconfiguration of the south ingress to parking lot;  
Alley north of Open School to be a one way street to lead traffic to the east instead of  
up to Main St.

Staff was directed to list short term/long term solutions and further discuss these  
issues with the School District, City Council, the adjacent neighbors and Police  
Department.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Scott  
Recording Secretary