



Twin Falls Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 6:00 PM

203 Main Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members -

City Limits: Craig Kelley, Chairperson; Marilu Perez ,Vice-Chair; Todd Rambur; Cortney Campbell; Grayson Stone; Robyn Weatherford

Area of Impact: David Detweiler

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM
A quorum was present.

Members Present: *Kelley, Campbell, Weatherford, Detweiler, Rambur, Perez (by phone), Stone (by phone)*

Staff Present: *Spendlove, Strickland, Ebersole, Glaesemann, Schuerman*

2) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner Detweiler moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.
Commissioner Rambur seconded the motion.

Unanimously Approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

a) Approval of minutes from the following meeting: June 27, 2023

3) Worksession

a) Master Transportation Plan

Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove presented the draft of the Master Transportation Plan. He asked the commission for comments on the draft of the pan. He asked for input to help finalize the document.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will make recommendation on the Master Plan to City Council at a future date, with tonight's meeting being for comment/input from the commission.

Grayson Stone joined the meeting by phone at this time.

02. Existing Conditions

- Commissioner Rambur asked about converting one-way roads going to two-way roads, Page 05, third line from bottom.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated 2nd Avenues have been the goal to change to two-way streets, for pedestrian safety from City Park to Downtown. The City would like to activate and make them city roads, not state highways. The city would need to supply an alternate road for the highway.

- Commissioner Rambur asked about walkability and bikeability plans, Page 5. He stated he thinks we need more bike lanes in town.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated citywide there needs to be a better bike network for people to get around town. He stated Twin Falls' topography is bikeable, most times of the year. Goal - more bike facilities and general street design for bike lanes.
- Vice Chair Perez likes the goals of the plan. Her wishes - actual references for the studies cited and specific public involvement section- page 4. She would like to know who was spoken as part of the public involvement for transparency public input/public record and ensure good representation from the public. She will email staff any formatting issues.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated staff can find the information to include for specific studies and public involvement meetings.
- Commissioner Campbell asked if there is data showing percentage of people in crashes from outside of town. Focus of wayfinding education and education for drivers on new types of intersections in this document.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated there is some access to crash data, may only have the person's county where they reside. He stated making mention of wayfinding and information for troubled intersections. Information is listed in document on options for intersections.
- Assistant City Engineer Glaesemann stated there are signage guided by Uniform Traffic Control standards, and if there are too many signs, it may be overload for drivers.
- Vice Chair Perez asked if there is any connection with GPS and mapping.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated the city has no control over Google maps except to ask for changes, but not in this document.

2017 Roadway Volumes

- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated trips over the Perrine Bridge is closer to an average of 38,000 trips per day.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated the traffic flow can change to other areas if things are built or moved in an area.
- He reviewed levels of service and capacity of roads.
- Commissioner Campbell asked about speed limit documentation.

03 Future Conditions

- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated this goes through our Comprehensive Plan numbers on what our population will be and future conditions. He mentioned that when city has population of over 50,000, it becomes part of the Metropolitan Area. The city is now part of it and this document needs to be updated. He reviewed the Future Land Use Map and Future Conditions Map.
- Chairman Kelley asked if the city has concerns with the data, due to the COVID delay.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove goals and desires are still intact, with the trends being correct. He stated this guide is for engineers to plan future projects.
- Assistant City Engineer Glaesemann shared, from an engineering perspective, look forward to next 20-30 years which gives list of projects needed. The document still provides a valid list of projects needed, dependent on car count and budget

restrictions.

- Vice Chair Perez asked where the private road information is and how to construct them. Are they considered local roads and is there a maintenance schedule.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated private roads depends on type of construction (residential or commercial) dictates the construction standard required. We believe they should be built to public road standard. Private roads follow zoning rules, but no maintenance plans for private access. Commercial properties are required to maintain for public to have access.
- Access Management - reference for the City Engineer to make decision for access management control.
- Vice Chair Perez stated she thinks there should be a checklist for private access vs. public access for the commissioner decision making process.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated he will bring up at a future worksession.

Maintenance Plan

- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated there may need to be cost updates.
- Commissioner Rambur asked about seasonal review of street conditions.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated the streets department has a maintenance plan, where there is a scan of each street with a score to tell the story of what is happening below the surface and the degradation of roads. The department uses it to know where to crack seal and try to prevent potholes.
- Commissioner Detweiler asked the projected cost of a new signal.
- Staff Engineer Schuerman stated that cost includes the signal maintenance, over 50 years, throughout its lifetime.

Capital Improvement Projects

- This is a list of upcoming needed projects, including all roads in Master Transportation District. This list is not in order of need.
- Commissioner Campbell asked about the cost of expansion of lanes and what is included in the cost, and asked if figures are current.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated general costs including property acquisition, which is one of the reasons for setback requirements.
- Chairman Kelley stated in goals section - trees and shrubs along corridors to make more beautiful. He stated he would like more raised medians with greenery and would like more focus and presence in document.
- Staff Engineer Schuerman showed where the plan is located in the document. He stated that Engineering does look at them in the Capital Improvement plan. He stated they are a good deterrent to crashes.
- Commissioner Detweiler asked about street lighting.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove shared the code requirements.
- Commissioner Rambur asked who maintains weeds in raised medians.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated if it is a public road, the city is responsible to maintain the medians.
- Chairman Kelley asked what the commission should focus on in this document.

- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated if engineering wasn't comfortable with the document, it would not be presented to the commission for review. This is the opportunity to revise the document and bring back for approval.
- Commissioner Rambur asked when will this document be complete and if it is a public document.
- Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove stated hopefully by the end of this fiscal year. He stated the draft is public knowledge as it is in the agenda packet for tonight's meeting, and has been shown to developer groups.

4) Upcoming Meeting(s)

a) Tuesday, August 8, 2023

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 07:16 PM

Kelli Ebersole

Kelli Ebersole, City Planner