



Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 9:00 AM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

Commissioners: Randall Watson, Chair; Dennis Magill, Ted Warren, Brenda Hughes, Ken Weismore Sr., John Kapeleris, Ryan Bowman

Ex officio: Jackie Fields, City Engineer; Craig Kingsbury, Chief of Police; Ryan Howe, Sergeant Traffic Unit; Jesse Schuerman, Staff Engineer; Robin Hite, Traffic Tech; and Nikki Boyd, City Council Liaison

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Randall Watson called the meeting to order.
A quorum was present.

2) Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda

None

3) Consent Calendar

a) Approval of November 9, 2017 meeting minutes

MOTION: Commission Ryan Bowman moved that the November 9, 2017 Minutes be approved. Commissioner Ted Warren seconded the motion. All present voted to approve.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Questions and Answers on new Council Chamber equipment with Information Services Department Manager Kathy Markus

Information Services Department Manager Kathy Markus gave a brief update on the handling of the new equipment in the Council Chambers.

b) Update on the Transportation Master Plan

City Engineer Jackie Fields presented an update on the Transportation Master Plan. Ms. Fields first discussed the identified locations of congested/hazardous intersections (Exhibit #1) and Roadway Capacities (Exhibit #2) noting that the Level of Service Thresholds range from "A" (very calm) to "E" (extreme activity). Ms. Fields also reviewed Exhibits # 3 and 4, maps showing the existing levels of service and Exhibits #5 and 6, maps showing future (2040) levels of service if nothing is done on existing concerns. It was noted that this project does not include the City Transit Plan. If Commissioners want information on the Transit Plan, Ms. Fields requested that they send a request to her via email. In regards to the information she presented, Ms. Fields is asking for input from the Commissioners on whether they are willing to lend support to the Transportation Plan as presented or if they have changes in priorities or wish to add other intersections. She also requested that this feedback be sent to her via email.

A point of consideration to be followed up at the next meeting is whether the City should pursue separation of curbs and sidewalks on all residential streets as a substantial safety issue.

- c) Defining the nature of the Traffic Safety Commission and discussion on changing city code which does not reflect that definition.

Commissioner John Kapeleris has been reviewing the City Code regarding the purpose of the Traffic Safety Commission. In speaking with other City officials, it appears the Traffic Safety Commission's duties eclipse other City Commissions, i.e.: Planning and Zoning. Mr. Kapeleris would like to see the Traffic Safety Commission's purpose redefined to coordinate better between Commissions and fit the current and future needs of the City.

Ms. Fields advised that the authority to writing of City Code falls on the City Attorney with recommendations from Staff.

Commissioner Ted Warren made a motion to table the discussion until further study has been made. Commissioner Brenda Hughes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called with 3 yes and 2 no. The motion was approved.

Operations Commander of the Twin Falls Police Department, Captain Matthew Hicks, was invited to address the Commission. Captain Hicks was able to present the history of the Traffic Safety Commission from 1956 to 2000 and up to the current year. He agrees that the purpose of the Traffic Safety Commission would benefit from an update of Code.

Chairman Watson recommended that the Commissioners review the City Code and bring back points of concern to be discussed at the next meeting.

- d) Update on the Child Pedestrian Grant application.

Ms. Fields updated the Commission on the Child Pedestrian Grant application. The projects applied for are: a new sidewalk along 3600 North from the entrance of Skylane Mobile Home Park to the existing pedestrian crossing for South Hills Middle School and sidewalks and ramps from Orchard Drive existing sidewalk along Harrison South to the existing sidewalk at El Camino Avenue. The application was approved by the City Council.

5) Public Hearings

- a) None

6) Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Kapeleris moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ryan Bowman seconded the motion. All members present approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Minard

Kathy Minard, Recording Secretary