



Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2017, 9:00 AM

City Council Chambers
305 Third Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho

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

Ex officio: Jackie Fields, City Engineer; Craig Kingsbury, Chief of Police; Ryan Howe, Sergeant Traffic Unit; Mike Sullivan, Traffic Technician; and Nikki Boyd, City Council Liaison

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Commission Chair Randall Watson called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

A quorum was established with all Commissioners being present.

Ex officio members attending were: Jackie Fields, Mike Sullivan, Nikki Boyd, and Officer Samir Smriko representing the TFPD for Sergeant Ryan Howe.

2) Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda

None

3) Consent Calendar

a) Consideration of the Minutes for June 8, 2017,

Commission Chair Watson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Kapeleris moved to approve the June 8, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Follow up on field trip to the South Hills Middle School

Ms. Fields discussed the needs and types of signage, establishing school zones, street sizing, crossing points, new developments in the area, and need for a permanent speed reduction in the South Hills Middle School area with emphasis on 3600 North and Harrison Street South. She had made preliminary contact with the Twin Falls Highway District.

Commissioner Kapeleris suggested the possibility of obtaining a grant for funding, and Ms. Fields stated that a grant would not be viable due to time constraints.

Commission Chair Watson opened the floor to hear comments from the public. Those speaking were: Charles Boss, Larry Amen, Dan Kohring, Jamin Wills, and Jared Povey. The speakers shared similar concerns with increased traffic flow, need for turn lanes, heavy truck use, lighting, lack of police presence, sunrise and sunset issues, narrow roadways, and lack of

sidewalks and crosswalks.

Officer Samir Smriko discussed the redevelopment of the Traffic Team and the increased involvement in traffic control within the city.

Commissioner Warren discussed the success of signage and changes implemented in the Pillar Falls area.

Commissioner Dickinson discussed timing, safety busing opportunities, much larger drop off area, and the school being a "closed campus." Ms. Fields responded that she is hoping to get our recommendations to the Council by July 24, 2017, and getting as much of the signage and striping completed prior to the start of school. Luminaries would take longer.

Mr. Brian Lancaster, Director of the Highway District, stated the Highway District is all in favor of 35 miles per hour. Ms. Fields thanked the Highway District for their cooperation.

MOTION: Commissioner Dickinson moved to recommend to City Council to proceed with the general proposal issued by Ms. Fields plus the addition of two illuminaires. Commissioner Kapeleris seconded the motion. The motion was approved.


Commissioner Dickinson made another motion to to direct Ms. Fields to bring more information regarding a four-way stop at the Harrison and 3600 North intersection to the next meeting. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion, and it was approved. Ms. Fields will also attempt to address the other issues expressed in Mr. Kohring's letter at the next meeting.

- b) Request for traffic accident reports from the TF Police Department
Commission Chair Watson called for any other new business and as there was no response. The Chair declared no further business and asked for a motion to adjourn.

5) Public Hearings - Published Start Time

6) Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wiesmore seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned.



Kathy Minard, Recording Secretary