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Minutes

Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission

June 12, 2014

City Council Chambers

305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of the Minutes for April 10, 2014.		Randall Watson
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Citizen would like to have a discussion on lowering the speed limit on Madrona St. N. between Bitterroot and Falls Ave. 2. Update on NO LEFT TURN sign coming out of Maverick on to Blue Lakes Blvd.	Discussion Discussion	Kimberly Eyre Mike Sullivan
III. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>		
IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		Randall Watson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Randall Watson, Ted Warren, Brady Dickinson, and Dave Benefiel

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Duty and Dennis Magill

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Matt Hicks, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Traffic Engineering Tech Mike Sullivan, and Recording City Secretary Tina Kelley

STAFF ABSENT: City Councilman Greg Lanting and Sergeant Ryan Howe

Chairman Randall Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of the Minutes for April 10, 2014.

MOTION:

Commissioner Ted Warren made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brady Dickinson, all members present voted in favor of approving the April 10, 2014 minutes.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Citizen would like to have a discussion on lowering the speed limit on Madrona St. N. between Bitterroot Dr. and Falls Ave.

Kimberly Eyre came in to discuss the 35 MPH speeds between Bitterroot Dr. and just south of Julie Ln. on Madrona St. N. She talked about the narrowing of the street between Bitterroot and Dora St. N. and it loses the curb on the right side and the sidewalk on the left side; there is no crosswalk crossing Madrona St. N.

When Sawtooth Elementary school is out there is a crossing guard that will take the children across Falls Ave. and she holds her sign for the children to cross Madrona. Kimberly is concerned about the speed of 35 MPH with the children darting across Madrona.

Mike Sullivan advised all of Madrona St. N. from Falls Ave to Cheney Dr. is posted 35 MPH. He has done counts about a year ago on Dora St. N. and Cheney Dr. The counts on Cheney Dr. were 85 percentile at 38 MPH and by Dora St. N. it went down to 33 MPH.

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Jackie Fields also discussed the reason for establishing speed limits based on the 85th percentile speed and that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requires that speed limits be posted within 5 mph of the 85th percentile speed.

Mike suggested reducing the speed limit on Madrona St., from Bitterroot to Falls Ave. from 35 mph to 30 mph which would be consistent with MUTCD, adding a crosswalk to the north Madrona approach and a "Road Narrows" sign for southbound Madrona traffic.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brady Dickinson made the motion to reduce the speed limit on Madrona, from Bitterroot to Falls, from 35 mph to 30 mph, adding a crosswalk to the north Madrona approach and a "Road Narrows" sign for southbound Madrona traffic. The motion was seconded by Ted Warren, all members present voted in favor of approving the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jackie Fields advised they closed the Illumination survey. There were 18 participants in the survey. It showed that the lighting at Blue Lakes S., Park Ave, and Cheney Dr. by the High school, it is very dark. Portions of Washington St. N. between Addison and the canyon rim are also dark. Everyone felt that Pole Line R. and Falls Ave. W. have plenty of lighting. The State HWY portion of Blue Lakes Blvd. by Kimberly Rd has very bright lighting.

Jackie advised the lights on Falls Ave. is a prototype of what the city can do for lighting in other areas. They will try to make the lights a little more yellow. They will possibly be looking at similar lighting on Cheney Dr. by Walmart and the High School.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission will be looking for new ideas on traffic safety in the city and also the needs for grants.

Jackie advised the grant deadline was not made for the raised median at the intersection of Falls Av. and Blue Lakes Blvd. This is something the commission could possibly look at in the future.

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Mike Sullivan brought up a safety issue of 2 turning lanes at Bridgeview Blvd. and Blue Lakes Blvd, vehicles not wanting to follow the lines. Jackie Fields thought they could possibly look into reflectors that recess in the concrete.

III. **PUBLIC INPUT/QUESTIONS:** Kimberly Eyre came to the meeting to discuss the speed limit on Madrona St. N. between Bitterroot and Falls Ave.

IV. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Paul Duty motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ted Warren 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Chairman Randall Watson adjourned the meeting at 09:22 a.m.

Tina Kelley
Recording Secretary