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Minutes

Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission

May 14, 2015

City Council Chambers

305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of the Minutes for March 12, 2015.		Randall Watson
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Discussion on the new schools' site plan. 2. Discussion on the current Bicycle City Ordinance. 3. Presentation of an update on the Southeast Twin Falls Alternate Study. 4. Discussion on proposed bicycle lane and warrant study near Xavier School. 5. Recent Traffic Safety Commission Reappointments.	Discussion Discussion Presentations Discussion Discussion	Troy Vitek Dennis Boyer Jackie Fields Captain Matt Hicks Captain Matt Hicks
III. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>		
IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Randall Watson, Paul Duty, Brady Dickinson, and Ted Warren

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Magill and Dave Benefiel

STAFF PRESENT: Lieutenant Thueson, Staff Engineer Joshua Baird, Parks & Rec. Superintendent Dennis Bowyer, Engineer Troy Vitek, Traffic Engineering Tech. Mike Sullivan and Recording City Secretary Tina Kelley

STAFF ABSENT: Captain Matt Hicks, Sgt. Ron Fustos and Councilman Greg Lanting

Chairman Randall Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There is a conformation of a quorum present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of the minutes for March 12, 2015.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brady Dickinson made the motion to approve the minutes for March 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ted Warren, all members present voted in favor of approving the minutes.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion on the new school's site plan.

Troy Vitek , Assistant City Engineer came to update the commission on the schools plans for the development of all 3 cites around Twin Falls. One is Pillar Falls east of town at Stadium and Hankins. They are looking at developing the property and the school would retain the lot. They would have to improve the roadway, sewer and water to improve the site. There is a requirement for a signal to be put in at the intersection. They are putting a 10 ft. wide bike path on the Northside and a 5 ft. sidewalk on the Southside. There will be a soft drop at the location that is a pull out area so the parents could drop their kids off.

The Middle school at Harrison near Valencia has a proposed plan for one area to be busses only and putting a gate up at the entrance. Commissioner Brady Dickinson

believes the parking lot is going to be eliminated due to budget. There is a bike path planned on one side of the school. In the future they will try to continue the bike path on Pheasant Rd. and Orchard Dr.

Rock Creek Elementary off Grandview Dr. and Federation they are putting a curb and gutter on Federation near the school. This is similar to Piller Falls. The police department did have concerns about the speeds along Grandview dr. They requested a fence along Grandview Dr. so the kids couldn't kick a soccer ball out onto Grandview dr. The development will look like a large parking lot where parents could flip around because of there being so much room. When Troy brought this to Planning and Zoning attention they advised they did not require any additional fencing. There is a bike path planned for the north side of the property and on the south side of the road. The widening of the road is currently under construction.

MOTION:

Commissioner Ted Warren made a motion to recommend a fence be put in the area of the school. No other members would second the motion.

2. Discussion on the current bicycle city ordinance.

Dennis Bowyer Parks and Recreation Director handed out bike facility maps for everyone to look at. He has been working with a committee to be a more biking friendly community. After speaking with bicyclists in some open forums he found they would like to see existing bicycle lanes connected. They would also like to see bike lanes to schools and to downtown and to the Northside canyon rim by the Snake River. Three different bike facilities have been proposed and approved by City Council. Bike Lanes are one facility that exists right now. One lane starts by tennis courts by the swimming pool on stadium and heads north to Madrona and goes along Falls Avenue on top of the grade at Shoshone Falls. Another bike path is on the west side of town goes by Perrine Elementary School, Robert Stuart and comes further south along sparks street then to Blake St. and heads over on Shoup Ave. crosses Washington St. and hits Harrison St. to Falls Ave. One on South side of town, runs on Washington and Park Ave and runs along Oregon Trail Elementary School. These were built in 90's with Federal Funds received.

We are currently looking at Phase I which will be implementing this year. We are discussing our shared use paths, which are trails that can be used by bicyclist and motorists. The city will be putting down Sharros on the streets which will be notifying motorist that bicyclists will be on this path a lot more.

Bicyclists want to see education for motorcyclist and bicyclists. Robin Seastrom with Bicycle Therapy and Sara Harris with CSI will be putting on 4 different educational classes open to all in June, one in July and one in August. They also wanted to see bicycle lanes maintained well. They are working with the City streets department to keep the lanes swept well. The third thing they are working on is reviewing the existing codes. The modifications that they are looking at follow the state code. He would like a recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission to illuminate the City code and adopt the state code.

MOTION: Commission Member Brady Dickinson made a motion to make the recommendation to the City Council to eliminate the City Code and to adopt the state code for Bicycling. No other member would second the motion. The other members would like to see more research or statistics on bicycle crashes.

Dennis Bowyer agreed to do more research and bring this back to the commission.

3. Presentation of an update on the Southeast Twin Falls alternate study.

Jackie was unable to be here and would like to put this on the next agenda.

4. Discussion on proposed bicycle lane and warrant study near Xavier School.

Captain Hicks was not able to attend. Lt. Thueson advised Xavier proposed to city council that a bike lane be extended on North College. The discussion at city council was to conduct a study and a phased approach as North College continues to develop it will be the developer's responsibility to widen the road at the LDS church on North College Rd. W. As the developer widens the road we can put on certain requirements of bike lanes as it goes in.

5. Recent Traffic Safety Commission Reappointments.

Captain Hicks was not able to attend to discuss this. This will be added to the next month's agenda.

New Business: Paul Duty would like to discuss thoughts on improving the bussing. Brady Dickinson advised it is an advantage to have kids ride on the bus. It is unknown how they can encourage parents to allow their kids to ride the bus. Brady said the busses now are full capacity, there is a possibility of adding another bus route or two. The school can look at how they can encourage students to ride the bus.

III. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

IV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION:

Commissioner Ted Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Duty. Chairman Randall Watson adjourned the meeting at 09:57.

Tina Kelley
Recording Secretary