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Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission

July 9, 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 May 14, 2015.		Randall Watson
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Update on bike codes that the Traffic Safety Commission requested 2. Request for bike lanes on North College Rd. 3. Striping changes on Madrona St. 4. Recent Traffic Safety Commission Reappointments.	Discussion Discussion Discussion Discussion	Staff Sgt. Ron Fustos Jackie Fields Mike Sullivan Captain Matt Hicks
III. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>		
IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Randall Watson, Paul Duty, Brady Dickinson, Ted Warren, Dave Benefiel and Dennis Magill

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Duty

STAFF PRESENT: SSgt. Ron Fustos, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Traffic Engineering Tech. Mike Sullivan, and Recording City Secretary Tina Kelley

STAFF ABSENT: Captain Matt Hicks, 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 May 14, 2015.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brady Dickinson made the motion to approve the minutes for May 14, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ted Warren, all members present voted in favor of approving the minutes.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Update on bike codes that the Traffic Safety Commission requested.

Staff Sgt. Ron Fustos advised that Dennis Bowyer with the Parks Department has retired, he filled Ron in with Questions that the Commission might have specifically to the other communities might be doing. He submitted information on this before he retired. Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Filer, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Kimberly, Meridian, Nampa, Lewiston, and Pocatello are where he received information from on bicycle codes. Only three of those cities had different ordinances that covered bicycle codes other than using the state code. Boise, Idaho Falls and Jerome, say that have to follow Idaho code for bicycles and for vehicle operators. So whatever a vehicle has to do a bicycle has to do. There is no other city in the state that has an ordinance as specific as ours on what a bicycle must do. Our ordinance now says the bicyclist have to ride as far to the right as possible. If there is a bike lane the city code is saying you have to use it.

Staff Sgt. Ron Fustos did speak with Fritz Wonderlich, City Prosecuting Attorney, on changing a few things that the initial representatives from the bicycle community

who wanted certain aspects to be changed. Staff Sgt. Ron Fustos said Fritz Wonderlich recommended using the State code. Jackie Fields does not see any engineering issues by using the State code.

Sgt. Ron Fustos checked on crashes involving bicycles about a year ago and there were 2 crashes involving bicyclist and bike lanes were not involved.

MOTION:

Commissioner Ted Warren made a motion to go by the State code for bicyclist. Commissioner Dennis Magill seconded the vote. A roll call vote was made and all were in favor.

2. Request for bike lanes on North College Rd.

City Engineer Jackie Fields brought a map by Parks and Recreation with Engineering to augment our bicycle facilities within the city that complies with the strategic plan. It has been given a priority. The map shown is a draft. Phase I is being implemented this year. The general intent is to put a bike lane on North College Rd. They also considered putting a bike lane between Sparks St. and Washington St. on North College Rd., however the intersection is tight. In May, John Kapeleris, a board member from Xavier Charter School has a petition that provides support for putting in bike lanes as soon as possible. John also talked about speeds in the Fieldstream Way neighborhood.

Jackie looked at the speeds in both the wider section between Creekside Way and Grandview Dr. and the speeds are consistent with the prior study but the volumes have gone up substantially. They also looked at the speeds on North College Rd. between Fieldstream Way and Grandview Dr. and the majority is complying with the speed limit. They also looked at the section between Wendell St. and Washington St, and found the speed calculations in the school zone while school was in session. The compliance with the 20 mph speed zone is not well and the compliance with the normal speed while school is out is maintained. The variable signing out at O'Leary puts people in a spot where they are complying with the speed when they need to. Short term we are not recommending changing the speed limits for compliance issues.

Jackie Fields advised there places to put a bike lane in. One intersection is at North College Rd. at Grandview Dr. The west side of the road is a wide facility. The other side of the street causes some concern. Between Creekside Way and Fieldstream Way and then again from Grandview Dr. to Wendell St. the street is narrow. Originally they were thinking kids could ride on the sidewalk from Xavier out to Fieldstream Way. The challenge they are having in engineering, is what

happens when they get to the sidewalk in North Haven is not wide enough to post a multi-use path. Engineering is recommending waiting a little while and continuing to review if they could implement some or all of the bike lane process early. The subdivision on the south east corner of Grandview Dr. and North College Rd. is called Broadmoor. It is our intent to urge them to build the roadway early.

John Kapeleris, board member for Xavier Charter School Board, talked about the petition for a bike lane they had. Originally it was a plan to have a Phase I bike lane this summer by Canyon Ridge High School. He talked to Dennis Bowyer about it and wanted to get in line for Phase II. Since then after speaking with the city, they have discovered there is a problem with the Canyon Ridge proposal because of the intersection at North College and Washington. There is not enough room with the curve.

Originally John left the petition very vague so there would be an analysis of the whole area. The only people going up North College Rd. going beyond Grandview Dr. are people that live in the area and going to church on Sunday and going to the school. Can't go through Creekside Way, it is tied up with the development of the water treatment plant and the cities capacity to expand beyond that. Talking with Troy Vietek, he has said that there will be better understanding of how they can go beyond that point next year. The petition had 360 signatures; half were from parents at the school and the other half from people in the neighborhood. There is a strong desire for a bike lane in the area between Grandview Dr. and Fieldstream Way.

Dave Benefiel wants to know if there have been any studies on how much the bike lanes anywhere are round town are actually used. Jackie said their normal tube counters will not pick up bicycles. They have talked about getting some cameras to actually count people on bicycles. Jackie advised we do know a portion of the bike lanes get used due to there being complaints from people saying vehicles are parked in the bike lanes. John said they have approximately 12 bikes everyday riding bike to Xavier, on nicer days they may have 30 bikes.

Ted Warren is asking if one can be put on Cheney Dr. Jackie said they could look into Cheney Dr. The concerns are the businesses on Cheney Dr. Jackie's preference is to keep it on North College Rd. Dave's concern is if they are going west bound and people getting on the narrow part of the road.

South-side of North College Rd between Grandview Dr. and Wendell St. will be widened, it will double in size when Broadmoor subdivision develops, however unknown when this will take place. Cities recommendation is to retain the cities speed limit signs as posted by Canyon Ridge. Staff, regarding the implementation of the bike lanes as a single project from Creekside Way to Sparks St. after the two roadways. Between North College Rd. between Creekside Way and Federation Rd. and North College Rd. between Grandview Dr. and Wendell St. are constructed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brady Dickinson made a motion to implement placing bike lanes between Fieldstream and Grandview and when the roadway is complete place bike lanes between Creekside and Fieldstream as soon as North College is built to width. Commissioner Dave Benefiel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.

MOTION:

Commissioner Dennis Magill made a recommendation to keep the speed as posted in the area. Commissioner Brady Dickinson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.

3. Striping changes on Madrona St.

Mike Sullivan updated the changes of the striping on Madrona St. There was a parking issue on the North bound lane. There is also a bike lane north bound, and a bike lane south bound. The proposal was to make some striping changes. They wanted to go with the north bound 12 ft. lane for traffic that would be a shared bike- use lane and a 12 ft. south bound travel lane. It will maintain the bike lane but make the parking lane wider on the south bound lane. The seal coats will be starting in a couple weeks and be finished by the time school is in.

4. Recent Traffic Safety Commission Reappointments.

Staff Sgt. Fustos advised that Captain Hicks was preoccupied and unable to make it. He advised with the reappointments completed and with a resignation with one of the commissioners we now have 2 openings on the commission. If they have anyone interested or would like to recommend someone to advise Captain Hicks.

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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Commissioner Ted Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dave Benefiel. All were in favor. Chairman Randall Watson adjourned the meeting at 10:25.

Tina Kelley
Recording Secretary