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Minutes

Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission

October 13, 2016

City Council Chambers

305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

**CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER: At 9:04 by Commissioner Brady Dickinson**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

| <b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Purpose</b>           | <b>By:</b>                     |
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| <b>I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u></b><br>1. Consideration of the Minutes for August 11, 2016                                                                                                 |                          | Randall Watson                 |
| <b>II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u></b><br>1.Lynwood Boulevard speed/volume concern of Mr. Nathan Boist<br>2.Speed reduction on Hankins Road between Falls Ave East and Filer Ave East | Discussion<br>Discussion | Mike Sullivan<br>Jackie Fields |
| <b>III. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u></b> <b>None</b>                                                                                                                                            |                          |                                |
| <b>IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                                |

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brady Dickinson, Dennis Magill, and Ted Warren

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Randall Watson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Sullivan, Nikki Boyd, Jackie Fields, and Recording Secretary Kathy Minard

**STAFF ABSENT:** Sergeant Ryan Howe and Captain Matthew Hicks

Commissioner Brady Dickinson called the meeting to order 9:04 a.m. There was a confirmation of a quorum present.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

I. **CONSENT OF CALENDAR**

a. Consideration of Minutes of August 11, 2016.

MOTION: Commissioner Dennis Magill made the motion to approve the minutes for August 11, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ted Warren.

II. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

a. Lynwood Boulevard speed/volume concern of Mr. Boist.

ACTION: Staff member Mike Sullivan reported that a counter was set up and showed significant southbound traffic cutting through the neighborhood. He suggested several options to reduce this cut-through traffic:

1. Adjust school beacon timing to only run the 20 MPH School Zone only when students are actually present thus making this section of Locust 30 MPH the rest of the day.
2. Making the Filer and Locust traffic signal fully actuated by adding vehicle detection to make the signal more efficient, particularly for the southbound traffic, costing approximately \$30,000;
3. Establish speed tables on Lynwood Boulevard; and
4. Adjust curbing at the north end.

Discussion was held on finding a cost-effective solution while impacting the foot and vehicle traffic the least. It appeared that adjusting the beacons and adding vehicle detection to the traffic signal would be the best approach. Mr. Sullivan will check the budget and change the beacons. He will also look into getting funding

from either the state or feds for a study of signals for safety. Commissioner Dickinson will get the current school schedule to Mr. Sullivan for school start, lunch, and ending times. Mr. Sullivan also suggested adding new wireless “Ped” buttons too. The discussion will continue next month when Mr. Sullivan has the budget information.

- b. Speed reduction on Hankins Road between Falls Avenue East and Filer Avenue East.

ACTION: Staff member Jackie Fields reported on her findings regarding Hankins Road and her meeting with the Twin Falls Highway District:

1. Normal freight traffic is not limited on Hankins Road;
2. Four-way stop signs have been approved at the Falls and Hankins intersection with a “free” right.
3. The Twin Falls Highway District will support a 35 mph speed limit between Falls and Filer.

Discussion was held, and it was found that the Twin Falls Highway District was consistent with the recommendations from the City Council. Concern was expressed on what the Twin Falls Police Department opinion was, and Ms. Field stated that the Police Department acknowledges enforcement challenges but agrees on the need of safety for children. Mr. Warren asked about getting information on non-compliance of traffic safety in the area, and Mr. Dickinson requested information on what was planned to notify citizens of the speed change. Ms. Fields responded that the local media would be notified, portable message signs would be set up for an introductory period, Police Department would issue traffic warnings for an introductory period, and the police department mobile speed radar unit could be set up at various times and locations.

Commissioner Dennis Magill made a motion to recommend that the speed on Hankins Road between Falls Avenue East and Filer Avenue East be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. Commissioner Ted Warren seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Fields reported that the City Council supports sending a letter to ITD regarding the intersection of Bridgeview and Blue Lakes Boulevard North concerns.

Commissioner Dickinson has requested a report from Staff on the progress on obtaining volunteers to serve on the Traffic Commission and the concerns that Sergeant Howe presented at the August meeting. These items will be added to the November agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The new middle school, located near Pole Line Road, will be opening August, 2017. There are safety concerns regarding crossing Pole Line. The School District will be

providing safety busing. It was agreed that discussions involving the Police Department, Twin Falls Highway District, City Engineers, Twin Falls School District, and members of the community need to held. Staff will reach out to the different entities and will have information for the Commission at the November meeting. This item will be added to the November agenda.

III. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

IV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Warren made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Dennis Magill seconded the motion, and all commission members approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Kathy Minard  
Recording Secretary