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MINUTES

Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission
September 12, 2013
City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUOROM		
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 June 13, 2013.		
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Citizen Diana Strong would like to discuss speed issues at Canyon Trail Way and Parkview Dr. and the possibility of making it a 4-way as opposed to a 2-way stop. 2. Discussion of a speed study on Washington from Pole Line Rd. to Federation Rd. 3. Discussion on speed study on Minidoka Ave. from Shoshone Street to 2 nd Ave. S. 4. Discussion on the crash rates at Blue Lakes Blvd and Falls Ave. and options to make it safer.	Discussion Discussion Discussion Discussion	Diana Strong Mike Sullivan Mike Sullivan Captain Barnhart
III. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>	None	
IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		

PRESENT: Randall Watson, Paul Duty, Dennis Magill, Ted Warren, Dave Benefiel

ABSENT: Brady Dickinson

Staff Present: Traffic Engineering Tech Mike Sullivan, Captain Anthony Barnhart, Sergeant Ryan Howe,
Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

Council liaison: Jim Munn

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of the Minutes for June 13, 2013.

MOTION:

Ted Warren made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Dave Benefiel and voice vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion.

Approved 5 to 0.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Citizen Diana Strong would like to discuss speed issues at Canyon Trail Way and Parkview Dr. and the possibility of making it a 4-way as opposed to a 2-way stop.

Diane Strong, 2259 Settlers Lane, handed out maps, photos and used the overhead projection to explain the request. She stated her concern of the existing 35 mph speed limit coming into the five subdivisions in the area. There are three school buses that come into the area between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., sports are played year round at the park, and the Twin Falls Public Library's Bookmobile parks in the area every Thursday. Currently there are no painted crosswalks, "Children at Play" signage, or off street parking. She made the recommendation of the installation of a four way stop sign, 35 mph speed limit sign coming off of Pole Line Road on Washington St. N., 25 mph speed limit in the neighborhood, a 20 mph speed limit by the park, painted crosswalks and "Children at Play" signage.

David Strong, 2259 Settler's Lane, showed on overhead projection pictures of speed limit signs in the area. On Washington Street, heading north off of Pole Line, where the new Marriott Hotel is being built, the speed limit is posted at 45 mph, and a 45 mph sign heading south is also posted. The speed limit on Pole Line Road is 35 mph. In the residential area by the Gun Club, on Federation heading west and heading east, the speed limit is posted at 35 mph. He stated his concern that in the Parkview Drive residential area the speed limit is posted at 35 mph, with no stop signs heading north or south.

Nikki Halverson, 2185 Settlers Lane, stated her concern of the excessive speed limits in the area. She recommended a four way stop sign, 25 mph speed limit signs, and painted crosswalks.

Ruth Ann Turnipseed, 2231 Settlers Lane, stated that the construction in the area has caused major traffic confusion.

Captain Antony Barnhart stated that as far as accidents are concerned, there have been no accidents within the intersection at Canyon Trail Way and Parkview Drive. In the past three years, there were three accidents on Parkview Drive and one accident on Canyon Trail Way.

Mike Sullivan stated that as far as speed is concerned, Federation and Parkview Drive are posted at 35 mph. Parkview Drive is posted at 35 mph and is a divided street. The street will be a major collector that will tie into 4200; and when this occurs the Canyon Rim Road will be a walking trail. All traffic will then feed into the two collectors, and ultimately into the arterials. Parkview Drive is designed for 35 mph and all side streets are posted at 25 mph. Speed limit signs of 25 mph are not posted in town because 25 mph is the default speed limit unless otherwise posted. He would not recommend a four way stop sign at this time. Painting a crosswalk applies pedestrians a false sense of security. It does not cause drivers to pay more attention. He said "No Parking" signage could be placed and/or fencing on the collector side of the street. If a crosswalk is painted, this should be done on Canyon Trail Way. The City does not place "Children at Play" signs.

Commission discussion followed.

- Existing speed limits posted at other parks
- Washington Street North 45 mph speed limit
- Signage at the intersection at Parkview Drive and Federation
- Parking around the park area

Mike Sullivan stated speed limit signs are not posted at other parks. The speed limit on Washington Street North was warranted by a speed study.

David Strong stated that painted crosswalks, posted speed limit signs, and caution signs are placed on Locust by the City pool and Twin Falls High school.

Mike Sullivan stated that typically the City does not post 25 mph speed limit signs other than coming out of school zones. The speed limit in a school zone is 20 mph. Signage indicating "Crosswalks Ahead" could be placed. It is also a possibility to place crosswalk signage at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Federation. He explained the impact of the placement of too many stop signs.

Captain Anthony Barnhart recommended to the Commission to make a motion to afford Mike Sullivan, Sgt. Howe, and himself to do some research and to possibly come up with some traffic calming devices and other ideas. He indicated that Ms. Strong and her group are invited to attend and to give input and will look forward to the Commissions input as well.

MOTION:

Ted Warren made the motion to form a study group, as presented by Anthony Barnhart. The motion was seconded by Dennis Magill and voice vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

2. Discussion of a speed study on Washington from Pole Line Rd. to Federation Rd.

Mike Sullivan explained that a speed study was done in 2007 at this location and the 85th percentile speed study showed that motorists are traveling 47 mph. The volumes are 2,500 cars per day on the weekdays. The speed limit remained at 45 mph. This was part of speed limit sign discrepancies on Washington Street North more or less from North College Road and on Pole Line Road all the way out to Eastland. Speed limits were posted at 45 mph. A year later, the determination was made per state code that the City could not post Pole Line Road at 45 mph; therefore it was dropped to 35 mph. Washington from Pole Line Rd. to Federation Rd. was not part of the discussion.

A speed study was recently done at this location with the 85th percentile speed study showing an average of 40 mph and volumes at 4,500 cars per day. He does not recommend changing the existing speed limit.

