

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission**  
**November 10, 2016**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho**

<b>CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM</b>		
<b>CALL MEETING TO ORDER: At 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Randall Watson</b>		
<b>CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>By:</b>
<b>I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u></b> 1. Consideration of the Minutes for November 10, 2016		Randall Watson
<b>II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u></b> 1. Julie Lane parking concerns 2. Lynwood Boulevard speed/volume concern of Mr. Nathan Boist 3. Progress report on obtaining volunteers to serve on the Commission and possible enhancements for the Commission 4. Crossing concerns for new Middle School near Pole Line Road	Discussion Discussion Discussion Discussion	Mike Sullivan Jackie Fields Sgt. Ryan Howe Jackie Fields
<b>III. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u></b>	None	
<b>IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>		

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Randall Watson, Dennis Magill, and Ted Warren

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brady Dickinson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nikki Boyd, Jackie Fields, Sergeant Ryan Howe, and Recording Secretary Kathy Minard

**STAFF ABSENT:** Captain Matthew Hicks

Commission Chairman Randall Watson called the meeting to order at 9:07 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 for September 8, 2016.

MOTION: Commissioner Ted Warren made the motion to approve the minutes for September 8, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Magill.

**II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- a. Julie Lane parking concerns.

ACTION: Staff member Mike Sullivan reported that a resident complained about street parking along Julie Lane when the Board of Realtors have training/events. The roadway is only 36 feet wide, and when cars are parked on both sides, it leaves only about 12 feet for two-traffic to get through. The City suggested posting a two block area with “No Parking” signs. Staff member Jackie Fields suggested a minimum requirement of no parking extended through the left turn bay.

Chairman Watson opened the floor up for discussion. Nancy Glaesemann spoke first. Ms. Glaesemann informed the Commission of the frequency and purpose of the events causing the concern. She stated that it was a continuing education class that ran all day. This class occurs only two times a year. Other events usually involve shorter periods of time but are more frequent. Walt Hess requested an engineering study versus a “knee jerk” reaction. Kilah Wilkenson stated she was a resident in the subdivision as well as a Realtor. She did not believe that on-the-street parking does

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not create a hazard. She noted that the streets around her home are the same size and street parking happens regularly without any problems. Justin Winson noted that he was involved with initial design of the building, and the City required landscaping/water retention in the area where more parking spaces could have been included.

Staff member Jackie Fields stressed that the City will always respond to a citizen's complaint to see if it is a legitimate concern. The issue is whether a No Parking area should be established and the size of the area. Ms. Fields also noted that no engineering studies have been done. She also noted that the property in question is compliant. Ms. Field's recommended that no parking be established during the length of the left turn bay.

Staff member Nikki Boyd stated that she is also a Realtor and is an advocate of protecting client/customers and their land.

Commissioner Dennis Magill, also a Realtor, asked if the complainant was in attendance. It was noted by Staff member Sullivan that he was not.

Sergeant Ryan Howe felt that there was no need for additional signage and prefers the left turn bay option.

Realtor Mark Jones supported the left turn option for safety.

Commissioner Magill moved that the traffic Safety Commission recommend that the area around the left turn bay be established as a no parking zone with signage and that no further signage was necessary. Commissioner Warren seconded and all Commissioners approved the motion.

b. Lynwood Boulevard speed/volume concern of Mr. Nathan Boies.

**ACTION:** Staff member Sullivan reported that the study showed a two-to-one increase of southbound traffic on Lynwood Boulevard. He noted that the school beacons have been modified, but the cost of the signal is still an issue.

Chairman Watson allowed Mr. Boies to express his concerns. He listed the need for change because of the speed and volume of traffic on his street. He said that there were two minor accidents near his home. Mr. Boies noted that southbound traffic can easily turn onto Lynwood Boulevard from Locust Street North. He would like to see signage at Lynwood Boulevard and Alder Lane that would slow or possibly stop the traffic before continuing down Lynwood Boulevard. He is requesting risk management.

Chairman Watson then called on Karen Hamilton, a student from the College of Southern Idaho (CSI). Her class was assigned this concern as a community project, and Ms. Hamilton reported on the class findings. The class agreed that there is a

traffic problem on Lynwood Boulevard, and provided suggestions for improvement. Some of the suggestions were:

- Update the traffic signal;
- Have School Resource Officer Preston Stephenson direct traffic during the busy times;
- Close off and create a dead-end on the south end of Lynwood Boulevard;
- Have sidewalks installed on Lynwood Boulevard;
- Provide solar flashing lights on the north end of Locust;
- Install another signal and crosswalks at the Locust and Stadium intersection.

Staff member Sullivan responded by stating that his priority is still updating the signal and overcoming the cost issues. He said that a speed table or speed bumps could be added, but that brought up a concern for noise. Councilwoman Boyd inquired about a stop sign at the Alder and Lynwood intersection. She also felt that adding sidewalks in the neighborhood seemed logical. Sergeant Howe stated that since it has only been two weeks since the first changes had been made, he would like to wait and see if they, plus the signal changes, would favorably impact the concern. Mr. Sullivan said he would set up another counter for volume and speed data. He also suggested that Mr. Boies query the neighborhood about the potential noise issue if a speed table, which could be set up as a temporary solution, was installed.

Chairman Randall made a recommendation that the discussion be tabled until further information could be gathered. Commissioner Warren moved that the Lynwood Boulevard issue be tabled until next month's meeting. Commissioner Magill seconded the motion, and it was approved.

c. Progress report on obtaining volunteers to serve on the Commission and possible enhancements for the Commission.

**ACTION:** Sergeant Howe introduced John Kapeleris as an advocate for cycling and interested in participating on the Traffic Safety Commission. Sergeant Howe also reported on his meeting with the City Attorney regarding the Commission "going mobile." The City Attorney did not feel that option was viable but did feel changing the time of the meeting or frequency of the meeting would be okay. The commissioners thanked Howe for his input but felt it would be best to leave the time, frequency, and location as is.

d. Crossing concerns for new Middle School near Pole Line Road.

**ACTION:** Staff member Jackie Fields stated that the new middle school was located on 3600 and Pole Line. She presented several maps showing the location and possible traffic hazards along 3600. Ms. Fields stated that timing was critical in working with the developer to address transit issues. A round table session should be started very soon. Ms. Fields also asked the Commissioners to drive 3600 and

note the existing natural hazards, specifically the large hump in the road where crossing could create a serious hazard for students.

e. New Business:

Ms. Lisa Brown requested a review of the Grandview/Rock Creek Elementary school area. She stated that the shoulders need to be extended and smoothed as the edges are rough. She also would like to see the speed limit lowered from 35 mph to 20 mph during “use” time.

**ACTION:** The Commission requested that Ms. Brown come to the next meeting and her concerns would be discussed. Ms. Brown agreed to return.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Warren moved that the be meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Magill seconded the motion, and all commission members approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Kathy Minard

Recording Secretary