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Minutes

Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission
 December 8, 2016
 City Council Chambers
 305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
<u>I. CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of the Minutes for November 10, 2016		Randall Watson
<u>II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Lynwood Boulevard project a. Report on neighborhood query from Mr. Boies b. Report of volume/speed counter from Mr. Sullivan 2. Progress report on obtaining volunteers to serve on Commission 3. Crossing concerns for new Middle School a. Round table sessions scheduled? b. Commissioners report on review of existing natural hazards 4. Request for lowered speed limit and shoulder widening in Rock Creek Elementary area. 5. Pedestrian concern crossing at Maurice and Addison	Discussion Discussion Discussion Discussion Discussion	Mike Sullivan Nikki Boyd Jackie Fields Ms. Lisa Brown Sgt. Ryan Howe
<u>III. PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>	None	
<u>IV. ADJOURNMENT</u>		

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Randall Watson, Brady Dickinson, and Ted Warren

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Magill

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

STAFF ABSENT: Captain Matthew Hicks

Commission Chairman Randall Watson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There was a confirmation of quorum present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. CONSENT OF CALENDAR:

Consideration of Minutes for November 10, 2016.

MOTION: Commissioner Brady Dickinson made the motion to approve the minutes for November 10, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ted Warren, all Commission Members agreed.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Chairman Randall Watson noted that the Commission will review item 3 on the agenda first and requested that Ms. Fields give her presentation.

- a. Crossing concerns for new Middle School.

ACTION: Ms. Fields will present more information regarding the creating round table sessions and the scheduling at the January meeting.

Commissioner Dickinson reported that he had surveyed the area and found the speed limit of 50 mph to be a concern for those needing to cross 3600 from the Skyline Apartments. He also noted that those north of Orchard may have students that prefer to walk or ride their bikes on Harrison which is a 45 mph zone with limited sidewalks. Dickinson stated that although safety bussing will be provided by the school district, parents/students are hesitant to use safety bussing when they can see the school. Further discussion is needed. This item will be brought up again in January.

- b. Request for lowered speed limit and shoulder widening in Rock Creek Elementary area.

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ACTION: Ms. Fields reported that she met with Ms. Lisa Brown. Ms. Brown was pleased to have the shoulders widened and reported that traffic was slowing/veering for walkers. Ms. Brown is also requesting that the speed zone be established on Grandview Drive from just north of the school property to the end of the school property. Ms. Fields requested that this be discussed at the January meeting, and Ms. Brown agreed.

c. Lynwood Boulevard project

ACTION: Mr. Nathan Boies reported that he sent letters to 18 of his immediate neighbors and received three responses. All three agreed to support some type of slowing traffic. Staff Member Michael Sullivan conducted another speed/volume study and found numbers similar with the August study. He noted speeds of 29/30 mph and volume from the south at 200 vehicles per day and 500 vehicles from the north. It is obvious that many are using Lynwood Boulevard as a way to avoid the school zone. Sergeant Ryan Howe stated that he was able to spend several hours policing the area and issued a few citations. Most drivers he spoke with were not aware of the changes already made in the school zone and were directed to use Locust Street. Commissioner Ted Warren requested that Mr. Boies follow-up with the Commission in a couple of months and report of any changes in traffic or other concerns.

d. Progress report on obtaining volunteers to serve on the Commission.

ACTION: Councilwoman Nikki Boyd will create a panel of three people within the Commission to interview and make recommendations regarding applicants to fill the vacancies on the Commission. She suggested Chairman Randall Watson, a representative from the police department, and herself as panel members. Ms. Boyd reviewed the application process with the Commission members and discussed the importance of getting the needed information in to Joshua Palmer, the City's Public Information Officer. Mr. Palmer will notify the press and public of these openings.

e. Pedestrian concern crossing at Maurice and Addison.

ACTION: Sergeant Howe reported on a concern that was sent to the Mayor. The citizen expressed a desire to have a crosswalk at the intersection of Maurice and Addison. Sgt. Howe drove the area. He determined that it was probably being used by the high school students for a quick and easy way to school. Discussion was held on the merits of crosswalks. It was determined that there are two crosswalks only a few blocks away from the area in question. The general consensus was that older students should use the intersection and traffic lights at Locust and Addison. It would be safer than just a crosswalk. Sgt. Howe will contact the citizen and explain the findings of the Commission.

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III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

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

Kathy Minard

Recording Secretary