

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
February 8, 2017

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice Chairman Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Bob Ferrell, Mark Churchill, Pat Melton, Rosemary Wilson, Frank Berry, Major Matt Davis, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Lexington County Public Works Jeff McNesby

Attending:

Town Councilmember Ron Williams, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Chief Terrence Green

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

January Minutes:

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the January 11, 2017 minutes. Vice-Chair Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Pat Melton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Insync Signal:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported there were some contractor issues but he hoped for an April completion.

Vision Plan:

Town Administrator Poole reported the Mayor presented the State of the Town address at Monday night's Council meeting. It will be replayed on the Town's information cable channel 2 and on the web page. He reported gross revenues for the Town increased 25% with an 18% increase in the number of Business Licenses.

County Update:

Jeff McNesby reported the county met with SCDHEC regarding the ownership of the dam on Nursery Road in Coldstream. He noted the Town may also be contacted about dam regulations.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:

There is no new information regarding this intersection.

Gibson Road at S Lake:

There is no new information regarding this intersection.

Hospitality Projects

One Way Pairs: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated the plans for the One Way Pair project are at SCDOT for approval.

Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported they expect to start the project on Duffie Drive soon. Mr. Poole stated the Town is working with the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to have gated access to that side of the recreation fields. The Town recently annexed the parcel off of Barr Road where LCRAC plans additional fields and a gym.

Chairman Ruinen referred to a handout today of an email from Ms. Edie Harmon and a complaint about tractor trailer trucks in the Historic Village Neighborhood (attached). Mr. Clyde Smith noted the trucks are sometimes there after delivering to the paint store on Columbia Avenue. Mr. Poole stated Ms. Harmon came to talk to him about the problem and he explained that cameras could not be used for that purpose. Chief Green said a Community Action Team officer will speak to businesses in the area about redirecting large trucks. He noted it is not illegal for trucks to use the routes but signage for “No Through Trucks” could be added. Mr. Poole noted the One Way Pair project could impact the routes trucks will use.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

From: <edie116@windstream.net> **Edie Harmon**

Date: January 20, 2017 at 12:40:33 PM EST

To: <bpoole@lexsc.com>

Subject: **Britt, thank you for listening this past Thursday afternoon to the big problem we have in the**

Historic Village District Neighborhood. The problem is 18-wheeler tractor trailer trucks that use our little narrow streets as cut-throughs. This presents several problems to the residents and has resulted in two incidents in the last couple of months that are troubling. An 18-wheeler came down Fox St. from Columbia Ave. and tried to make the turn at Fox St./Meetze Ave. This, of course, is impossible. The driver tried to back up and in the process knocked over a power pole that then knocked out the electricity on Fox St. A resident called LPD, and a ticket was served on the driver. Fox St. has signs posted stating that No Through Trucks are allowed. The other incident occurred on Meetze Ave. at corner of Meetze/Wingard Aves. An 18-wheeler came down Meetze coming from Columbia Ave. and tried to turn left onto Wingard Ave.. This, also, is impossible. The truck ran through my front yard (the ruts are still there), through my magnolia tree knocking branches off, proceeded across my driveway (which is not even a car's-length wide), and then proceeded out to N. Lake Dr. trying to turn right into 5:00 traffic. As it so happened, I had walked out into my carport to put something in the trunk of my car. I was eyeball-to-eyeball with the driver. I was so stunned that I don't remember how the driver got out of my driveway and missed the large pine tree and elm tree that are beside the road and feet from my driveway. As I told the claims adjuster at Werner Enterprises, this could have been catastrophic and that they needed to say many prayers of Thanksgiving that weekend. Every time I think of what could've happened, I get upset.

The neighbors are asking for cameras to be installed on Fox St. and Berly St. so that when these trucks use these streets (these streets have No Through Trucks signs) the trucking companies can be contacted by an LPD officer. We would also like to have No Through Trucks signs placed on Meetze Ave. as well. A camera here would be nice too.