

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
February 19, 2013

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Co-Chairman Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Jay Daniels, Randy Edwards, Bob Ferrell, Parks Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Planning Commission Liaison Lisa Gibson and Frank Berry

Attending:

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Lexington Police Department Chief Terrence Greene, Director Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

January Minutes:

Chair Susan Ruinen noted that a comment from Rosemary Wilson regarding the St Stephen's Lutheran Church School not having a pick up/drop off procedure and a statement from Clyde Smith about church goers not using the crosswalk to cross Butler Street should be added to the January minutes. Dan Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Bob Ferrell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Relocation Corley Mill Rd:

Britt Poole reported on a meeting with representatives of the family to work on getting issues resolved regarding the right of way for the traffic circle on Corley Mill Road. Officials do not expect to have construction completed in time for the opening of the high school this year.

Phase 1:

Mr. Poole stated the large trees on East Main Street have been taken down and the Phase I construction is proceeding on schedule.

Insync Signal:

After meeting with SCDOT engineers, Mr. Poole said a synopsis of the Insync project is expected by March. Chair Ruinen discussed problems with signal timing and the possibility that loops may have been damaged by the construction on Butler Street.

Interchange at I-20 & 378:

Britt Poole reported that changes to the plan were being revised for SCDOT. The bid has been written.

SC6/Parker Rd/

Middlebrook/Gibson:

Dan Walker stated that SCDOT has not reported on the study of this area.

Vision Plan: Chair Susan Ruinen commented on the plans for a walking trail around the Old Mill pond that were reported in The State newspaper on February 18. Britt Poole stated that plans are being worked on in meetings with the property owners. Clyde Smith asked about public parking. Mr. Poole responded that the lower parking lot off of East Main Street has plenty of spaces that are not usually used by shoppers at the Old Mill. Jay Daniels asked if the trail would have a link to local neighborhoods. Mr. Poole said there would be a tie into the sidewalks along South Lake Drive. Lisa Gibson asked about the lowered level of the pond. Mr. Poole said the mill owners were making repairs to the hydro plant. Mr. Walker said the pond was now being re-filled. Britt Poole told committee members about Project Icehouse and the purchase of the property on the corner of West Main Street and South Church Street. Engineers are studying the structural issues involved with the buildings on the property.

Old Cherokee Rd: Chair Ruinen stated representatives from the Palmetto Hall neighborhood on Old Cherokee Road requested lowering the speed limit near their entrance. Clyde Smith noted that construction of the new subdivision called Cherokee Village on that section of Old Cherokee Road would increase the traffic pressure.

Butler Crosswalk: Jay Daniels reported that the Safety Audit at St Stephens Lutheran Church school was scheduled for later this morning. They will look at the drop off procedures and passenger safety practices. Another meeting will take place to study the pick up procedure later in the afternoon. A copy of the report will be shared with the Traffic Committee.

Coventry Stop Sign: Chair Ruinen commented that the previous request for an All Way Stop requested for the intersection at Widgeon Drive and Coventry Lake Drive was considered in 2010. Only one accident was recorded at this intersection and a speed study showed traffic at lower than the posted speed limit. She requested that the Lexington Police Department conduct another speed study. Randy Edwards suggested looking at any cut-thru traffic using Widgeon Drive. Dan Walker reported the Mr. Padowicz requested a definition from the Traffic Committee regarding the affected residents for the application.

Roundabouts: Susan Ruinen observed the intersection of Old Cherokee Road and Old Chapin Road seemed a possible location for construction of a roundabout. Bob Ferrell commented that the intersection is not inside the Town limits and would be a Lexington County and SCDOT issue. Britt Poole reported that the intersection is being considered by the study for the Insync system due to the impact the intersection has on

traffic thru the Town. Chair Ruinen observed that roundabout funding seems to be available now. Randy Edwards discussed various funding options being studied by Lexington County.

Dan Walker reported the continuing problems with trucks hitting traffic poles at the intersection of Highway 1 and SC 6. Britt Poole commented that SCDOT had denied a request to restrict turns at that intersection. The possibility of redeveloping the South Lake Drive, Parker Street and Gibson Road intersections could provide an alternate truck route. Clyde Smith stated he had encouraged delivery trucks to use Butler Street for his business at West Main Street and North Church Street to avoid the difficult turn. Chair Ruinen commented that a sign directing to I-20 and a No Right Turn could send truck traffic past the turn. She will add the intersection to the agenda for the next meeting.

Britt Poole told committee members about street repair projects discussed at the Council Work Session. Funds from the Golden Hills HOA and Special Purpose Tax District will be used to make repairs in the subdivision.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 8:00 AM in the Council Chamber/Courtroom at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Clyde Smith seconded by Dan Walker with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair