

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
September 16, 2014

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Ariadna Teal, Mark Churchill, Rosemary Wilson, Lt Matt Davis, Town, Director of Transportation Randy Edwards, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker and Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Frank Berry, Lexington County Public Works Engineer Jeff McNesby

Attending:

Lexington County Public Works Wrenn Barrett, Councilmember Ron Williams

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

July Minutes:

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the July 2014 minutes. Vice-Chair Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mark Churchill seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Chairman Ruinen welcomed Randy Edwards as the new Director of Transportation for the Town of Lexington.

Phase 1:

Chairman Ruinen distributed copies of the planned sidewalk project from West Main Street to Brookhill West for Park Road (attached). Plans for landscaping of the project areas are being designed.

InSync Signal:

The traffic signal plans have gone to SCDOT for review. Randy Edwards reported the project has been divided into two sections with the first section of about 18 signals planned to be let in December and the other section, which has some right of way issues, expected to be let in the spring.

Vision Plan:

Dan Walker told the Committee about plans for the Grand Opening of the Fourteen Mile Creek Trail on September 30 at 10:30 a.m. He said the Parks Department is working on a number of beautification projects. Susan Ruinen commented that the property for the Icehouse Project looks so much better with the buildings removed. Clyde Smith added that Town Council recently gave final approval to the TIF ordinance for the downtown development project.

Resurfacing: Susan Ruinen reported there was still an issue in her neighborhood. Randy Edwards said CR Jackson was working on the punch list.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd: Dan Walker said the parent company of the apartment complex has not yet responded regarding the sidewalks.

Penny Tax Projects: Susan Ruinen distributed copies of the Town of Lexington Projects listed on the ballot for the Penny Tax in November (attached) and asked if anyone had talked to 14 Carrot about their sign urging “Vote No”. Clyde Smith stated it was an ingress/egress disagreement for the business regarding the Mineral Springs relocation. He added that a group from the Lexington Chamber will do an educational presentation when requested to discuss the safety and infrastructure issues. Ari Teal stated she lived on Dreher Street and residents were concerned about the proposed changes. Karen Hanner reported plans for Public Meetings at Town Hall on the Penny Tax scheduled for October 29.

Downtown: Randy Edwards reported plans for a traffic study of Main Street to look at the medians, curb cuts and bump outs. Dan Walker commented that the improvements done about ten years ago were aimed to make it more pedestrian friendly.

US 378 and Ginny Ln: Susan Ruinen observed that some general operation changes could make improvements at this intersection. Rosemary Wilson reported left turns into the right in/right out access. Dan Walker said “Do Not Enter” signs have been added recently. Lt. Matt Davis said he was not aware of a large number of accidents at that location. Susan Ruinen added that the left turn lane should be extended for more storage at the Hardee’s location. Mark Churchill commented about the need for a right turn arrow at the intersection of Northside and Sunset Blvd.

The last two items on the agenda (**George St at W Main and North Lake & Roundknob**) will be deferred until next month. Traffic counts are needed when school is in session.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 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 on a motion by Dan Walker and second by Matt Davis with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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