

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
May 20, 2014

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Bob Ferrell, Larry Yon, Rosemary Wilson, Randy Edwards, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Lieutenant Matt Davis, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker and Planning Commission Chairman Keith Frost

Attending:

Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Chief Terrence Green, Major Jay Koon, Planning, Building and Zoning Director John Hanson, Special Projects Manager Wesley Crosby, Councilmember Ron Williams

Call to Order:

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

April Minutes:

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

Relocation Corley Mill Rd:

Stuart Ford reported that negotiations with the property owners are still underway.

Phase 1:

Chairman Ruinen reported that the Phase I project is near completion. Dan Walker stated that the sidewalk portion would tie into Park Road.

InSync Signal:

Assistant Administrator Ford stated the InSync Project was with the engineers and would probably be let sometime in the late fall. Chairman Ruinen commented that the relocation of the signal pole at the intersection of North Lake Drive and East Main Street should be in the signal design plan and also the proposed changes at the intersection of Harmon and East Main at the Old Mill. She said she would encourage SCDOT to take both of those proposals into consideration. Assistant Administrator Ford said he would check on the status of the Old Mill proposal.

Vision Plan:

Assistant Administrator Ford reported that the clearing and demo on the property for the Icehouse Project is nearly complete. The TIF district should be finalized this summer. Special Projects Manager Crosby stated that the Interchange Project at 378 and I-20 is near completion and work is progressing on the Corridor Improvements project. He said the contractor is finishing up on the 14 Mile Trail

project and the Parks Department is completing the sidewalk at the entrance. There is an agreement in place with the service station to allow parking on the back portion of the property. The small parcel at the corner of Old Cherokee and North Lake created by the road relocation will provide additional parking spaces.

Resurfacing: Dan Walker said the Resurfacing Project was completed. Chairman Ruinen stated the problem at the intersection of Carola and Stoneridge where water collected during rain had not been corrected. Mr. Walker said he would look into it.

Park Rd at Willowbrooke: Chairman Ruinen stated she had not gotten a response from SCDOT regarding this problem yet. She will contact them again.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd: Dan Walker reported that the apartment complex is working with their corporate office to get sidewalks constructed to tie into the sidewalk and crosswalk on Old Chapin Road. Chairman Ruinen commented that a mid-block crosswalk was approved by SCDOT but she was concerned about the safety issue.

Penny Tax Projects: Assistant Administrator Ford reported that the Penny Tax Commission had created the project list for the November ballot and most of the proposals from the Town of Lexington were included.

Fort Street: Randy Edwards suggested a No Left Turn sign with the same hours as the No Left on Church at Main (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.). He is working on the proposal.

N Lake at Roundknob: Chief Green presented a report on the number of accidents related to left turns at this intersection; 1 in 2011, 3 in 2012, 4 in 2013 and 2 so far in 2014. Randy Edwards stated he would bring a traffic count to the next meeting.

Potholes Hendrix, Ellis: Chairman Ruinen reported the completion of patching on Hendrix Street. The property owners are working on repairs at Ellis Avenue.

Chairman Ruinen commented on an issue at the intersection of 378 and Ginny Lane. She stated a vehicle heading west on 378 had stopped in the left lane to make a left turn into the Hardees. A resident suggested a No Left Turn sign at that location. Randy Edwards commented on possible signage for the I-20 exit ramp showing which lane to use for Ginny Lane or restaurants. He will bring a sketch to the next meeting.

Downtown: Chairman Ruinen said there has been a lot of talk about changing the 100 block of Main Street by removing the medians. Vice Chair Smith

reported no formal contact has been made with businesses on Main Street. Councilmember Williams stated Council discussed the issue and Mayor Pro Tem Livingston requested the Traffic Committee look into it. Chairman Ruinen stated the medians improve traffic flow and make the downtown area pedestrian friendly. Chief Green reported emergency vehicles normally use Church Street or Butler Street to bypass the 100 block of Main. The InSync system will also help by creating green light corridors for emergency vehicles. Dan Walker commented that the left turn lanes do not back up. Susan Ruinen stated she will get right turn volumes from SCDOT and look at the right turn at the old courthouse.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 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 Vice Chairman Clyde Smith and second by Rosemary Wilson with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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