

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
February 17, 2015

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Mark Churchill, Bob Ferrell, Ari Teal, Rosemary Wilson, Larry Yon, Lt. Matt Davis, Transportation Director Randall Edwards, Lexington County Public Works Engineer Jeff McNesby, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Planning Commission Liaison Frank Berry

Attending:

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Chief of Police Terrence Green, Harrison Kinard, Assistant Chief of Police Jay Koon, Rachel Ham

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 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 2015 minutes. Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Frank Berry seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

N Lake at Roundknob:

Results from the study by SCDOT have not been received.

US 378 and Ginny Ln:

The intersection at Ginny Lane and Saluda Pointe Court is not clear for drivers. Mark Churchill reported seeing three vehicles turn from Ginny Lane into the outbound lane of Saluda Pointe Court in spite of the Do Not Enter signs. Director Randy Edwards distributed some handouts showing some possible options for improving the intersection. The first option would be to move the left turn arrow painted on Ginny Lane closer to the actual turning point further down. The second option would be to extend the tapering off of the two incoming lanes on Ginny Lane past the intersection with Saluda Pointe Court. Chair Susan Ruinen asked about the shape of the median which appears to jut out towards Ginny Lane. Mr. Edwards stated the size seems to be standard but there are discussions underway with the developers to make improvements to the median.

Chair Ruinen noted that the median on Highway 378 westbound was wide enough to extend the left turn lane for Ginny Lane. The right side of the two left turn lanes tends to stack up for traffic intending to continue on the straightaway for Ginny Lane.

Chair Ruinen stated the extension of the concrete median in the west side of the same intersection on Highway 378 would redirect eastbound traffic attempting to turn left across westbound traffic.

Crosswalk Judicial Center: There has not been a response from SCDOT regarding the crosswalk.

InSync Signal: Director Edwards reported that bids for the Phase 1 of the InSync system were opened on February 10 and are currently being vetted. A meeting is scheduled for next week on issues regarding Phase 2.

Vision Plan: Administrator Poole reported designs for Project Icehouse are being finalized. Plans include improvements to the sidewalk on West Main Street across from Libby's. The sidewalk project currently under construction on South Church Street will continue to Gibson Road. Budget plans will provide for the design and permitting to construct a parking area along South Church Street with a new entrance into Virginia Hylton Park. The new parking area will resemble the parking area at the Palmetto Collegiate Institute with curbs and red gravel. The Old Mill Trail is in survey and geo tech planning.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd: There has not been a response from the owners of the apartment complex.

US 378 at Old Cherokee: Chief Green stated there has not been an increase in traffic accidents at this intersection associated with the free right turn and merging traffic.

Larry Yon described an issue at the intersection of Mallard Lakes Drive and Highway 378. The small shopping center does not have access to turn left onto Mallard Lakes Drive due to a concrete median. Committee members observed that the median prevents traffic from turning left at that point which could cause a traffic backup into 378.

Director Edwards told the committee about work on an analysis at the intersection of Gibson Road and South Lake Drive. He hopes to have the data available for the next Traffic Committee meeting.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 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 Larry Yon and second by Clyde Smith with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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