

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
June 16, 2015

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Bob Ferrell, Ari Teal, Rosemary Wilson, Pat Melton, Larry Yon, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Police Major Matt Davis, Lexington County Public Works Engineer Jeff McNesby, Planning Commission Liaison Frank Berry

Attending:

Councilmember Ron Williams, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Sergeant Thomas Stowe, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Foreman Johnny Dillard

Call to Order:

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

May Minutes:

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the May 19, 2015 minutes. Larry Yon made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Insync Signal:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards said work was continuing on drilling and foundations for installation of the mast arms. Plans are being finalized with SCDOT to take over maintenance of 35 signals in July.

Vision Plan:

Administrator Britt Poole reported that bids were opened for the Ice House Project but it has not yet been awarded. A Notice to Proceed should be done within two weeks.

Randy Edwards stated the geo-tech work on the Old Mill Trail project has been delayed by repairs being done at the dam spillway which required the pond levels to be lowered. Mr. Poole added that the repairs are being done on a pipe at the hydro station and there is not a problem with the dam itself.

Mr. Poole told the committee that the Town's Farmers Market is held every Saturday morning at Lexington Square and is doing very well. There are a number of new vendors this year and the high visibility location is helping to increase interest.

Clyde Smith asked about the 14 Mile Creek Trail. Mr. Poole stated the trail has been closed due to extensive damage caused by flooding after unusually heavy rains. Repairs are currently underway and the trail will reopen as soon as they are completed.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd: Johnny Dillard said he had no information on this issue to report.

Gibson & Middlebrook at S Lake: Randy Edwards stated there is no update regarding this intersection yet.

Crosswalk for Judicial Ctr: Councilmember Ron Williams asked about funding for installation of a gate. Mr. Poole stated the Beautification Foundation installed the fencing and should be contacted about the gate.

SCDOT Items

N Lake at Roundknob: Chair Ruinen commented that a bad accident happened at this intersection on Monday. Major Matt Davis added that it occurred when a vehicle was turning from Roundknob onto North Lake but there were no serious injuries. Chair Ruinen stated it would be good to restrict left hand turns at this location. Randy Edwards stated there has not yet been a response from SCDOT.

US 378 at Ginny Ln: Rosemary Wilson stated she visited Chick Fil-A on Ginny Lane recently and saw three cars in front of her make incorrect turns, one turning left into the right only entrance and two turning left into the outbound lane on the left of the median at Saluda Pointe Court. Randy Edwards said he has not gotten a response from SCDOT.

US 378 at Old Cherokee: Randy Edwards said there has not been a response to the inquiry regarding this intersection.

Park Rd No Right on Red: Randy Edwards informed the committee that a sign has not been installed yet and SCDOT agreed to look into the issue.

Susan Ruinen reported that the Mineral Springs Road and Cedar Road roundabout project has been let.

Jeff McNesby stated there have been complaints about the Barr Road project but he wished to inform everyone that the project is not yet complete.

Pat Melton commented on a problem at East Main Street near Fatz where the road narrows from four lanes to two. He said the sign for the lane ending is too close to the actual end of the lane and is blocked from view by overgrown vegetation. Randy Edwards said he would check on that.

Susan Ruinen advised committee members to take advantage of the SCDOT website and the maintenance request link for things like potholes. She added the response time has been very good when she used it.

Bob Ferrell asked for an update on regional Council of Government activity. Mr. Poole responded that the mayor is a member of the COG

Executive Committee. Some money for the Town's Adaptive Signal system was acquired through Guideshare funds.

Rosemary Wilson asked about the entrance to the new Smashburger location off of Sunset Boulevard. She stated making a left turn into or out of the business is very difficult. Mr. Poole commented that the notice was just received about the start of the Wellmore project at that location which will alter the access to that strip mall. Clyde Smith asked about a second access to the project and Mr. Poole explained that the possibility was studied but could not be done.

**There will be no Traffic Committee meeting in July.
The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 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 Bob Ferrell and second by Clyde Smith with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By: _____
Susan Ruinen, Chair

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