

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
May 17, 2016

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Larry Yon, Mark Churchill, Bob Ferrell, Rosemary Wilson, Pat Melton, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Lexington County Public Works Jeff McNesby

Attending:

Town Councilmember Ron Williams, Chief Terrence Green, Major Matt Davis, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Mr. David Pinckney

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

April Minutes:

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the April 19, 2016 minutes. Rosemary Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Corley Street:

Chairman Ruinen welcomed Mr. David Pinckney to the Traffic Committee meeting and invited him to state his concerns to the committee. Mr. Pinckney stated he is a Town resident living on Corley Street near the Corley Street Park and Harmon Street. He said he was concerned about issues regarding traffic safety and maintenance. He reported that the overgrowth and debris in the street along the curves of Corley Street contribute to problems with line of sight. He added that the stretch of Corley Street near the park is unsightly due to the unkempt property across the street. Mr. Pinckney expressed concerns about speeding and noise in the Heritage Hills and Creekside Farm subdivisions.

Chief Green said they will do a speed study on Harmon Street at the curve on the hill. If a problem is indicated, the speed monitor trailer can be parked in the area. The next step would be increasing patrols with ticketing of speeders.

Mr. Pinckney reported the location of a telephone pole in the 200 block of Corley Street that appears to be only ten feet from the road's centerline and is a hazard when two large vehicles are passing. He added the repairs underway on Creps Street make it very difficult to navigate especially when the church has something going on.

Chairman Ruinen noted that pavement markings and Right of Way maintenance on those streets is done by SCDOT. She reminded committee members that SCDOT has a Maintenance Request form on

their website. She stated she has submitted a request online and received a prompt response.

Administrator Poole said he would ask the Building and Zoning Department to look at the dilapidated house on Corley Street for any possible action.

Mr. Pinckney thanked the committee for hearing his concerns and offering assistance to address them.

Insync Signal: Transportation Director Edwards reported the foundations for new signal mast arms are being installed at Northside Boulevard and the I-20 westbound ramp interchange on Highway 378. He added the camera detection on the eastbound ramp has been activated.

Chair Ruinen noted improvement in travel times getting through town after some of the intersections have been brought online.

Director Edwards added that the system will favor travel times on Main Street over Lake Drive but works to establish a balance.

Vision Plan: Administrator Poole reported that the cap blocks on the planters in the 100 block of Main Street have been damaged by skateboarders. The amphitheater construction is continuing and is expected to be complete in August. The second floor space for the old Shirey's building should receive their CO permit soon. The owner is still considering a restaurant tenant but will need the parking area to be completed first.

Mr. Poole stated the parking area planned for South Church Street is in the design phase. There will be 50 spaces on a crushed red gravel similar to the parking lot at the Palmetto Collegiate Institute. An additional 250 parking spaces will be available on a grassed lot.

He added there has not been any word from FEMA regarding the dam at the Old Mill.

The new Town welcome signs at SC 6 and on US 1 are being landscaped.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd: Transportation Director Edwards stated they were waiting on a response from SCDOT regarding a crosswalk flasher at this location.

Gibson Road at S Lake: There is no new information regarding this intersection.

Hospitality Projects

One Way Pairs: Transportation Director Edwards reported a Public Information Meeting regarding the One Way Pairs will be held on June 2 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Center of Town Hall. Administrator Poole added Tony Sheppard of Kimley Horn attended the May 2 Council Meeting to present information about the One Way Pairs project. His presentation can be seen on the Town website.

Harmon Street: Transportation Director Edwards reported that survey work would begin soon on the Harmon Street portion of the projects.

Gateway at Corley Mill Rd: The traffic study at this intersection is being finalized. Findings will be presented soon.

Crossroads at US 378 and SC 6: Transportation Director Edwards said this intersection is still under traffic study. Changes created by the One Way Pair project will have an impact on this intersection.

SC 6 at Old Cherokee: Chief Green reported three accidents between 2013 and 2016 in this intersection. Transportation Director Edwards added the intersection will be getting the new left turn signal head. Chair Ruinen commented that no action appears to be needed at this time.

SCDOT Items

Fence at Butler Street: Transportation Director Edwards reported SCDOT is studying the problems at this intersection. He noted possible options such as a four way stop or a curb bump out and extended stop bar. The One Way Pairs project will impact this intersection.

Lexington Heights: A complaint was received about a speeding problem in this subdivision. Chief Green stated a study will be done in the area.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 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 Randy Edwards and second by Bob Ferrell with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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