

**Traffic Committee
MINUTES
January 9, 2019**

Committee Members

Present:

Chair Susan Ruinen, Rosemary Wilson, Mark Churchill, Julie Bartels, Jim Wigglesworth, Jennifer Morgan, Bob Ferrell, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Planning Commission Liaison Frank Berry, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, and Transportation Admin Laura Haney

Attending:

Town Administrator Britt Poole

Call to Order:

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

July Minutes:

Chair Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the November 14, 2018 minutes. Bob Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Parks & Sanitation Director Dan Walker seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

County Update:

No one was present from the county to provide an update.

Insync Signals:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards advised that the bid opening was held on January 8, 2019 and 4 competitive bids were received and the awarded bid is around 3.2million. Mr. Edwards added there is some geotechnical work that will need to happen first, so it will more than likely be late August before real movement on this project is seen.

Vision Plan:

Town Administrator Britt Poole stated this is not the busiest time for events with being the middle of winter but the new spring concert series for the Icehouse Amphitheatre will be announced within the month and the chili cook off benefiting law enforcement will be held on January 27th. Administrator Poole added the State of the Town address will be at the next council meeting and encourages to attend or watch to see the progression and plans of the Town.

Hospitality Projects

Crossroads Project:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated that the Crossroad projects encompass three minor projects. Director. Edwards reported that Harmon Street Extension and North Lake widening have two snags one being with utilities and the other with the school districts adjustments therefore a timeframe can be hard to pinpoint for these projects moving forward but ideally late Spring 2019.

Gateway at Corley Mill: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated the Ginny Lane project is progressing and that the widening should occur around April 2019 weather and temperature permitting. Director Edwards added that we do often watch and adjust the signals in that area if the construction backs up a certain direction significantly.

Chair Susan Ruinen asked if anything is planned for Davega Drive. Administrator Poole responded that Town Council will be reviewing that proposal soon and once council reviews the item then, Traffic Committee will look at it for comment.

Sidewalks

Church Street: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated the project is currently in progress, weather permitting the drainage work will be next. Administrator Poole added that they will extend the scope of the project if they can depending on how construction goes along the way.

Old Cherokee @ SC 6 Accidents:

Lieutenant Thomas Stowe provided detailed accident reports of this intersection (see attached). Lieutenant Stowe added that the reports reflect that most of the accidents were for failure to yield or following too closely. Bob Ferrell commented that only averaging one accident a week does not seem like a high volume. Lieutenant Stowe agreed and added that this intersection is not flagged as a problem area on the police reports they run. Randy Edwards said that it still comes down to the drivers not paying attention and a flashing yellow means to yield to oncoming traffic.

Chair Susan Ruinen stated if confusion is coming into play about a flashing yellow maybe the Town can do a press release on the rules for such intersections. Britt Poole stated that they have released a graphic instructional brochure in the past about signals but will ask media coordinator Jennifer Dowden to re-release as a refresher. Julie Bartels added that after discussion of this intersection last meeting she stayed behind the stop bar and it did seem to work so education to drivers is really the issue.

Chair Ruinen stated that it is the recommendation of the traffic committee that no action be taken at this time for this intersection and we will take it off of the agenda at this time but if anyone notices or has other issues please request it be added to the agenda for review.


The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

In-Closing

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Wigglesworth and seconded by Mark Churchill. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 8:37AM.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Haney,

Approved By:



Susan Ruinen, Chair

FOIA COMPLIANCE – Public notification of this meeting was posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Lexington requirements.