

**Traffic Committee
MINUTES**

September 14, 2022, 8:00am

Committee Members

Present:

Chair Susan Ruinen, Vice Chair Rosemary Wilson, Julie Bartels, Bill Lafferty, Planning Commission representative Jamie Fite, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, and Transportation Department Coordinator Laura Hinson.

Attending:

Chief Terrence Green, Major Matt Davis

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:02AM in the 3rd floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

May 2022 Minutes:

Chair Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the May 2022 meeting minutes. Vice Chairwoman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jamie Fite seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Vision Plan Update:

Town Administrator Britt Poole stated the construction on Virginia Hylton Park has started and it will be a complete overhaul of 16 acres once complete. Administrator Poole added that the Old Mill Trail project is also underway, the owner of the dam has started construction on his part so that then the Town can proceed with the 1.1 mile trail.

Administrator Poole added the Geotech for the bridge over the Saluda River is in design and they anticipate by Summer 2023 to have a better schematic of what it will look like to present. Administrator Poole stated the Icehouse Amphitheater and Market continue and are having a good turn out and the website has a complete list of events.

H Tax Projects:

Harmon St/N Lake:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated the final line striping will take place in the coming weeks along with a few final punch list items, the project will be complete this project.

N Lake Corridor 2:

Director Edwards reported this project was successfully put out to bid and cost came back two times higher than the engineer estimates. After Council reviewed this information, it was decided this project will be tabled and rebid at a future date.

Old Cherokee @ 378: Director Edwards added that while discussing N Lake it is a good place to insert that the Old Cherokee at 378 improvements was also bid out at the same time and it came in with one bid three times higher than the engineers estimate so it will be the same status, rebid at future date in 2023.

Administrator Poole added the hope is to see how the market plays out see if materials come down or at least steady and the cost becomes more assured and reasonable.

Sunset Split/Corley Mill: Director Edwards advised this project has been on hold with SCDOT but a brand-new traffic study and in depth analysis recently conducted will be presented to SCDOT soon. Director Edwards added the indicators and feelers out there right now point to a positive outlook but we will be officially presenting the information in the coming months.

Signal @ Gibson/S Lake: Director Edwards reported that this has been a long-awaited signal and the foundations are in but the mast arms are not ready yet from the manufacturer, so we are still looking at January 2023 before the signal is functioning and turned on.

Other Business

Parkside Speed Study: Director Edwards stated a more recent speed study analysis was conducted at the Parkside subdivision (study summary attached). Director Edwards pointed out that the data shows much of the what the last speed study pointed out, there are a few real speeders as 85% were going 33mph and the speed limit is 25mph which actually would indicate the speed limit is too low and there are not many speeders.

Chair Ruinen added that many times geometry and comfort levels of the driver determine speed. Director Edwards added that this is also a Lexington County Road so unless their Council along with the Town want to agree to a full project you are looking at installing a speed table or just police enforcement.

Vice Chair Rosemary Wilson stated the data looks like it could even be one single violator that is speeding. Chair Ruinen added that in looking at the letter the Parkside HOA submitted back in 2018 (attached) it says the HOA would entertain helping with cost on improvements for safety.

Chair Ruinen stated given all of the recent information and data the proposal is to have Town staff explore cost, get in touch with the County and bring the estimated cost for improvements back to the Committee. Vice

Chair Rosemary Wilson added to make sure town staff also emails the Parkside HOA letting them know this information and inviting them to the next meeting.

Administrator Poole added that if the County wants to push asking the Town to take over the road completely that will be harder but if they explore the Town making improvements at the intersection like the speed table and still maintain the road it can be more feasible to get completed.

Director Edwards confirmed we will get those tasks completed and bring a cost summary to next meeting.

In-Closing:

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 8:00 AM to allow for summer breaks and vacations. Meeting will be held in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Parks Director Dan Walker and seconded by Vice Chair Rosemary Wilson. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:06AM.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Hinson,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

Parkside Speed Data Summary

	Date		Location	Percentile (MPH)		25 MPH Percentile	Max. Speed	> 50 MPH	Volume
	From:	To:		85th	95th				
Town PD		5/24/2022	600 Park Rd			35		0	674
		5/25/2022	600 Park Rd	32.9		35.2		0	1107
		5/26/2022	600 Park Rd	32.9		35.2		0	1140
		5/27/2022	600 Park Rd	33.9		34.8		0	1254
		5/28/2022	600 Park Rd	33.9		34.8		0	1037
		5/29/2022	600 Park Rd	33.9		34.8		0	932
		5/30/2022	600 Park Rd	32.9		34.8		1	911
		5/31/2022	600 Park Rd	33.9		34.8		0	940
County		5/31/2022	625 Park Rd	31.3		40%	57		
		5/31/2022	681 Park Rd	29.3	32.6	56%	39.1		
<i>History</i>	<i>7/13/2021</i>	<i>7/27/2021</i>	<i>600 Park Rd</i>	<i>31.9</i>		<i>40.1</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>17,064</i>

November 5, 2017

Town of Lexington SC

Mayor - Steve MacDougall
Director of Transportation - Randy Edwards
111 Maiden Lane
Lexington, SC. 29072

Gentlemen

Parkside Community Home Owner Association (HOA) needs your help with speeding on Park Road within our community.

Parkside Subdivision is a Mungo Company, Irmo, SC. development located near the end of Park Road. Parkside Community consists of 198 single family and patio homes. Park Road runs directly through our community with a posted speed limit of 25 MPH. This posted speed limit was established in 2000 by the developer, HOA and local law enforcement.

The 25 MPH speed limit has worked for Parkside Community until recent years. With the continuing development along Park Road, through traffic has increased drastically. With this increase in traffic, so has speeding on Park Road within Parkside. This speeding is becoming a safety issue and needs to be addressed before someone is seriously injured.

The Town of Lexington Police Department has stepped up speed limit enforcement with increased patrols. Unfortunately, the Lexington PD is unable to station an officer within Parkside 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The Parkside HOA would like to suggest two options that we believe would help with speeding within Parkside Community.

- Converting the intersection of Park Road and Dupre Mill Road into a 4 way stop. This added stop sign on Park Road would force through traffic to slow down for the 4 way stop. The added stop signs would also provide Parkside residences with a safe place to cross Park Road.
- Installation of two speed bumps on Park Road within Parkside Community; one near the entrance of Parkside and one near Garden Arbor Drive. These speed bumps would force the traffic to slow down along this stretch of Park Road.

Parkside Community HOA understands either or both options require tax payer's dollars. In the interest of safety, Parkside Community HOA is willing to fund one or both of these projects if approved by the Town of Lexington.

The Parkside Community HOA board is willing to meet with you or the Town Council to discuss our safety concerns.

Thank you for your assistance in addressing this issue.

Thomas Conway
Parkside Community HOA
President

Contact Information: 501 Garden Arbor Lane
Lexington, SC 29072 803-467-3209 cell

May 18, 2022

Traffic Committee
City of Lexington, SC

RE: Parkside Community Road Proposal

Dear Traffic Committee,

My husband and I have lived on Park Road within Parkside since August 2019. In that time, we have witnessed many cars who drive much faster than the posted 25 mph past our home.

In late 2021, our mailbox was hit by what I assume was a car mirror sometime between 8pm and 8am. The mailbox post was damaged as well as the mailbox itself.

There have been many times that I have been driving home at 25 mph in the neighborhood and have been tailgated at an unsafe distance.

My home office faces the road and my husband and I are often in the front yard working on our flower bed or on another project. More times than not, cars that pass our home are going way over the posted speed limit either coming from the direction of the dirt road or towards the dirt road.

My sister lives by Lexington High School so I often take the dirt road to get to her home. Last month, I went that route around 7:45am and passed 6 cars on the dirt road using it as a thru road. We also frequently see 18-wheeler trucks passing through.

For these reasons, I am an advocate for placing a no thru traffic sign as well as placing a four-way stop at the intersection of Park Road and Dupree Mill Road.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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