

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
May 20, 2008

- Committee Members:** Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Leggett-Tyndall, Council Liaison; Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Rosemary Wilson; Wally Bledsoe; Larry Yon; Shannon Woovis
- Present:** Mayor Randy Halfacre, Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Terrence Green, Brooks Bennett
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Ruinen at 8:15 AM. Extra copies of the agenda were distributed.
- April Minutes:** Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the April minutes. Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- New Member:** Susan welcomed new Traffic Committee member Shannon Woovis to the meeting.
- Update:** Hazel Tyndall told members that Lexington County has given approval to \$93,000 in match funding and the Town Council is working on finding around \$100,000 more.
- She reported that there are two additional openings on the Traffic Committee and anyone interested should fill out a Talent Bank Application.
- Publix Update:** Britt Poole reported that Sunset Blvd at Publix intersection improvement plans are moving forward and construction should begin soon, probably by the middle of summer.
- SAFE Federal Update:** Work on the footings for the signal pole is being done.
- Chief Green:** Chief Green distributed a handout with information about the intersection of Powell Drive and Sunset Boulevard. (Attached) He reported a number of complaints submitted at the recent NEAT Neighborhood event concerning traffic problems at that intersection. He would like to see additional signs to remind motorists not to block the intersection. Susan Ruinen commented that pavement markings or an additional stop bar might be helpful. Dan Walker made a motion that a letter be sent to SCDOT requesting study of the intersection and offering these suggestions for consideration. Wally Bledsoe seconded the motion. All in favor.

Susan Ruinen commented on the left turn conflict into Travinia's in front of Target on 378. Left turns into Target line up head to head. Britt stated when the other construction is nearing completion; it could be reconsidered by SCDOT.

Wally Bledsoe reported a recent problem with the signal timing at Mineral Springs Road and Sunset Boulevard that had traffic backed up to Herndon. Officers had to spend most of the day assisting with traffic direction. Calls to SCDOT failed to get a prompt response. Britt said he could help with contacts at SCDOT if there were future problems. The signals are due for a recheck later this year.

Rosemary Wilson told committee members about a CMCOG meeting at the Conference Center on May 21, 2008 from 4 to 7 pm.

Public Comment:

Mr. Brooks Bennett distributed a handout containing photos of the open ditch in the middle of Black Avenue in Lexington. (Attached) He thanked the Traffic Committee for their attention to a public safety problem. He pointed out the lack of a guardrail or signage. He reported two instances of vehicles going into the ditch. There has been no maintenance of the weeds in the ditch or potholes along the edge of the street. Mr. Bennett asked the Traffic Committee to work with Lexington County to resolve the problems. Susan Ruinen asked Chief Green to prepare a report of traffic counts and accidents in the area. Dan Walker stated he could get some of the weeds cleaned up. Britt Poole said he could talk to John Fechtel with Lexington County Public Works.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

(Note earlier start time)

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Clyde Smith, seconded by Dan Walker and unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair