

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
March 17, 2009

Committee Members: Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; Wally Bledsoe; Sandy Paavel; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Larry Yon; Bob Ferrell

Present: Randy Edwards, Brad Cunningham, Jay Koon, Terrence Green

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Ruinen at 8:00 AM. Extra copies of the agenda were distributed.

February Minutes: Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the February minutes. Dan Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Carpooling: Susan Ruinen directed attention to the Carpooling item on the agenda list so Brad Cunningham could present his report and attend another meeting. Brad reported that there were three parties involved in the carpooling proposal; the Town of Lexington as a facilitator, the vehicle owner and the property owner each with degrees of responsibility in regard to any damages. A mutual signed agreement could offer protection to the interests of each party and outline limitations such as the number of parking spaces allowed for participation. There was discussion as to how many would likely participate and suggestions for locations. A survey will be conducted with Town Topics and a single location will be selected to act as a test site. Brad Cunningham will prepare a draft of an agreement form.

Update: Hazel Tyndall and Britt Poole were unable to attend today's meeting. Susan reported no new updates.

I-20 WB Ramp: Susan Ruinen reported no response from SCDOT to the Town's request for additional warning devices at the off ramp such as rumble strips. Wally Bledsoe reported at least one more major accident at that intersection.

Speed Limit/Traffic Counts: Consideration of speed limit changes will be deliberated with the traffic count data at the April meeting.

Black Avenue: The reflectors along the curve and open ditch on Black Avenue have improved visibility. The guard rails have not been installed. Randy Edwards reported he is continuing communications with SCDOT on the project.

Swartz @ Railroad Ave: Susan Ruinen said she was contacted by a resident of the Railroad Avenue area who was concerned by the number of near misses at the intersection of Swartz and Railroad Avenue. She felt it could be due to confusion over

right of way and the addition of a “Left Turn Must Yield” sign could be a necessary improvement. Terrence Green agreed to research accident reports at the intersection over the last three years.

Coventry/CVS: Susan Ruinen stated she had not seen the island installation for a right-in right-out at the Coventry intersection. Sandy stated that there was still construction being done on site. The sun-shields for the traffic lights will be reconsidered after the traffic counts are available.

There was a brief discussion regarding funding available for road projects and the construction of a Walgreen’s and a Piggly Wiggly at the intersection of 378 and Hope Ferry Road. Dan Walker reported that the plans include improvements to the intersection and an interconnected access between the stores.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 8:00 AM in the Council Chambers at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob Ferrell, seconded by Sandy Paavel with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair