

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
June 22, 2010

Committee Members

Present: Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Randy Edwards; Bob Ferrell; David McGehee; Rosemary Wilson; Sandy Paavel; Jay Daniels; Larry Yon

Attending: Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Leah Youngblood

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

May Minutes: Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the May meeting minutes. There was discussion regarding the planned road for the schools on Ginny Lane. Britt Poole confirmed that the road would be inside the Town limits. Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bob Ferrell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Phase I Road Project: David McGehee expressed concern regarding recent comments about support for a cut through the planned median between Old Chapin Road and Park Road. Sandy Paavel observed that it seemed to set a precedent. Clyde Smith suggested that the committee vote to express support or opposition in regard to the original plan from SCDOT. Bob Ferrell commented that the committee should wait for the information from SCDOT warrant studies. He observed that progress has been delayed. Britt Poole reported that SCDOT had been contacted requesting a report on the warrant studies. He suggested a letter to SCDOT expressing concern regarding the delay. Bob Ferrell made a motion to do so, Clyde Smith seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Randy Edwards observed that new school construction on the east side of Lexington could reduce traffic across the town. Sandy Paavel commented that new home construction near the new schools will increase traffic into the town. David McGehee stated that traffic congestion is worse at morning and evening rush hours.

Target/Travinia: Leah Youngblood reported that she had been in contact with Edens/Avant for McCauley Square and there has not been much progress. The property is subdivided with numerous owners. The Target shopping center also has multiple owners. SCDOT has agreed to study the area for signalization if the two entrance driveways are aligned. Susan Ruinen said she would remove the item from the agenda until future developments change the status of the area.

Golden Hills: Britt Poole reported that SCDOT denied a request for a left turn signal phase at the entrance to the Golden Hills subdivision and the entrance to the Coventry subdivision.

Swartz at US1: Britt Poole reported that SCDOT has not supported changes in the speed limit or turn limits at this intersection. They repainted the lines on Swartz. Susan commented that the new lines help visualize the lane edge.

All Way Stop in Coventry Lakes: Leah Youngblood commented that traffic studies of the intersection of Coventry Lake Drive and Widgeon Drive showed an average of lower than speed limit traffic and only one recorded accident that involved a vehicle backing out. She recommended a denial of the All Way Stop request. There was no disagreement from committee members.

Randy Edwards reported that the line striping has been done on Black Avenue.

Susan Ruinen commented that the committee customarily does not meet in July but a special meeting will be announced if there is significant progress on current issues.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Clyde Smith, seconded by Randy Edwards with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair