

## **Traffic Committee**

### **MINUTES**

*June 17, 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; Bob Ferrell; Shannon Woovis; David McGehee; Sandy Paavel; John Fechtel

**Present:** Mayor Randy Halfacre, Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Terrence Green, Brooks Bennett, Jay Daniels, Shannon Amick

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

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

**Update:** Hazel Tyndall reported that Home Depot has been contacted regarding completion of the road improvements and sign at the entrance to Coventry subdivision.

Residents in Gibson Forest and Palmetto Hall subdivisions have requested that speed limits within the subdivision be reduced from 25 to 15 mph. Chief Green reported that traffic studies have been done in Palmetto Hall. A survey will be done in the Gibson Forest subdivision using flyers requesting feedback. The results will be brought back to the Traffic Committee.

Susan Ruinen introduced a new member of the Traffic Committee; Sandy Paavel, and welcomed Jay Daniels whose appointment to the Committee is pending.

**Publix Update:** Britt Poole reported that quotes are being obtained for the improvements planned at the Publix entrance on 378. When plans are finalized and a date is set, the businesses will be notified. The intersection will be closed for a short time while the changes are being done.

**SAFE Federal Update:** The final work on the signal pole is the only part still to be completed at the SAFE intersection.

**Light at Mineral Springs:** There have been reports of frequent malfunctions of the traffic signal at 378 and Mineral Springs Road. The Police Department gets a slow response to calls for maintenance. Britt Poole said he would help with contacting SCDOT in an effort to speed up response time.

**Black Avenue:**

Chief Green provided copies of a traffic study done on Black Avenue (attached). Traffic counts were heaviest going down Black Avenue toward Hendrix Street in the direction of the school. There were two reported accidents in a three year period. One involved the ditch along Black Avenue. Dan Walker reported that his department had cut back overgrowth along the ditch. John Fechtel reported that the road was resurfaced with a raised edge several years ago. He will have his department reconsider the problems there.

**Target Driveway:**

Susan Ruinen reported concerns about the curb cut entrance from 378 at Target. Chief Green stated no accidents had been reported. Britt Poole commented that the retail site at the front will be developed. Rosemary Wilson questioned the visibility of signs for trucks coming from I-20. Britt will contact SCDOT regarding the issues being raised at that location.

Chief Green reported complaints about the intersection at Powell Drive and 378. He requested possible changes that would help reduce the incidence of vehicles blocking the intersection. Susan Ruinen suggested repainting and increasing the size of the stop bars. A letter requesting an evaluation of the intersection will be sent to SCDOT.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC. There will not be an August meeting.**

**(Note earlier start time)**

**Adjournment:**

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

**Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.**

**Approved By:**

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**Susan Ruinen, Chair**