

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
February 17, 2009

Committee Members: Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; Wally Bledsoe; Frank Berry; David McGehee; Sandy Paavel; Jay Daniels; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Larry Yon; Rosemary Wilson; Bob Ferrell

Present: Mayor Randy Halfacre, Britt Poole, Randy Edwards, Woody Moore

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

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

Update: Susan Ruinen informed the committee members that Hazel Tyndall was unable to attend today. She asked Britt Poole to provide an update on current issues. Britt reported that traffic counts should be completed by the end of the month.

SCDOT will sell guardrails and posts to be used on the Black Avenue improvements. That project should be started within the next couple of months.

The Old Cherokee Road widening project is underway. Construction signage has been installed and utilities are being moved.

Powell Drive: Britt Poole reported that SCDOT did not approve any additional signage for the Powell Drive intersection. Existing signage was moved to a higher location to increase visibility.

I-20 WB Ramp: SCDOT is considering the Town's recommendation for the addition of rumble strips to the west bound off ramp at I-20 and SC #6. Wally Bledsoe reported another accident at that location. He will provide documentation to include with a follow-up letter to SCDOT.

Carpooling: Brad Cunningham is researching legal issues regarding use of properties for parking.

East Main Street Bridge: Thad Brunson responded to the request for improvements to the bridge on East Main Street near the Old Mill. The bridge has been added to the list but would probably have a low priority in the near future due to the low speeds and low number of accidents.

N Lake Dr at Corley St: Wally Bledsoe reported that observations were recorded at varied times and no blocking of the intersection was observed.

Britt Poole told the group about contacting the elementary school regarding questions concerning school traffic blocking Azalea Drive. The school will send suggestions for traffic improvements.

Speed Limit evaluation: Accident reports on US 1 from Swartz Road to Cedarcrest Drive totaled 19 in 2007 and 15 in 2008. Discussion of changes in the speed limit on US 1 will continue after traffic count numbers are made available.

Susan Ruinen said consideration of problems at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Swartz Road will be added to the next meeting agenda. Randy Halfacre asked Dan Walker to take pictures of the intersection. Wally Bledsoe will research accidents at the location.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 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 Bob Ferrell, seconded by Clyde Smith with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair