

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*May 19, 2009*

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

**Present:** Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Terrence Green, Leah Youngblood, Brad Cunningham, Rob Hamzy, Jeff Burkett, Berry Still

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in the Council Meeting Room by Chairman Susan Ruinen at 8:00 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. Dan Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Britt Poole informed the committee that a press conference is scheduled for Thursday May 21 at 605 West Main Street for an announcement regarding the Traffic Plan.

**I-20 WB Ramp:** Susan Ruinen told the group about an email from SCDOT concerning a survey of the I-20 and Highway 6 interchange. She stated that this could indicate the design is being reevaluated.

**Carpooling:** The survey for interest in a carpooling location should be submitted to Laura this week for the next Town Topics. A single location will be selected to begin the program. Brad Cunningham has a draft of a liability waiver for participants.

**Traffic Counts:** Britt Poole reported that SCDOT has the traffic counts and he hopes to be able to share the information at the next Traffic Committee meeting.

**Speed Limit Evaluation:** Susan told the group that speed limits would be evaluated along with the new traffic count information.

**Interest in Complete Streets:** Jay Daniels distributed information packets (attached) introducing the Complete Streets program; a design philosophy aiming to improve thoroughfares with a goal of safety, mobility and access for all users including bicycles and pedestrians. There was discussion about the program and the support it has in the Midlands area. Jay offered to share more information on Complete Streets in a presentation at a future date. Susan Ruinen agreed it would be an informative meeting and would be scheduled for July or August.

**The Reserve at Mill  
Landing Apartments:**

Chief Green passed around photographs (attached) of the entrance to the Reserve complex from East Main Street at the bottleneck. There was discussion of the hazards associated with negotiating turns into and out of the complex. Chief Green reported the results of a speed study showing an average eastbound of 38 mph and westbound into town at 35 mph. Susan Ruinen commented that the entrance would be included in a redesign that will be done when the bridge over the creek is improved.

**Smart Ride for June:**

Susan Ruinen commented on a discussion of the RTA and funding issues scheduled for the next Traffic Committee meeting.

Dan Walker reported that a resident in Mallard Hills complained about speeding on Coventry Lakes Drive and requested the installation of All Way Stops. The resident will complete a request form.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 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 Dan Walker, seconded by Sandy Paavel with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**