

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
October 19, 2010

Committee Members

Present: Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Randy Edwards; Bob Ferrell; Rosemary Wilson; Larry Yon; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Wally Bledsoe; Frank Berry; Dan Walker

Attending: Leah Youngblood, Terrence Green, Jay Koon

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

September Minutes: Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the September minutes. Bob Ferrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Larry Yon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Meetze Avenue: Britt Poole has contacted Ed Sawyer at SCDOT about the issue of traffic blocking the intersection of Meetze Avenue and Columbia Avenue. Previous requests for pavement markings have been completed in a reasonable amount of time. The committee will continue to monitor this intersection.

Complete Streets: Jay Daniels has agreed to do a presentation on Complete Streets for Town Council at a date to be determined.

Target/Travinia's: SCDOT has presented some options regarding the flow of traffic at this location. The property owners/developers are working on creation of a plan.

Lexington Middle School: Rosemary Wilson asked about the lack of a crossing guard at the Middle School. Parents park in the dirt lot on Dreher Street and children walk across to the school. She has seen parents park in the Scott's Furniture lot on North Lake Drive and drop off children to cross at the light. Terrence Green commented that school district budget cuts have reduced the number of crossing guards. Closing the Lexington Intermediate School and sending those students to Lexington Middle School may have increased attendance for the current year. Susan Ruinen commented that the area was studied a few years ago. Terrence Green said the Police Department would increase monitoring during school hours at the North Lake Drive and Northwood Road intersection. After observation of any problems, the school could be approached to submit a request for recommendations to SCDOT.

**CVS, Walgreens,
Jersey Mikes:**

Susan Ruinen reported that she had seen the new signs installed at the entrance to this shopping strip and they did not appear to be standard road signs. Terrence Green confirmed that the signs are not enforceable. Dan Walker requested a copy of the sign required. Susan Ruinen said the signs used on 378 at the Publix shopping area are the kind needed at CVS and she will send a copy to him.

Trucks on Main St:

Dan Walker asked the Traffic Committee to consider the restriction of turns by big trucks at Main and North Lake and at Main and Church Street. The narrow angle makes it very difficult for trucks to make the turns and the traffic poles are being repeatedly damaged. Susan Ruinen commented that SCDOT would need to be consulted. An alternate route would be required. Dan Walker said he would provide photos of the problems at both intersections..

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 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 Bob Ferrell, seconded by Clyde Smith with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair