



**ROCK HILL TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 10:30 AM  
Rock Hill City Hall, Room 373  
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Jimmy Bagley – City Management; Joe Aug – CRH Public Works; Captain Roderick Stinson – Police; Rusty Thomason – CRH Utilities; Ivan McCorkle – CRH General Services; and Clifton Goolsby – CRH Planning and Development

**Guests/Staff Present:** Rob Walsh – Campco Engineering; Jason Weil – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Arthdale Brown – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Michael Sandifer – SCDOT Traffic Engineering; Melody Kears – CRH Planning and Development; Cindi Howard CRH General Services; Derrick Lindsay – Boyd Hill Community; Larry Schindel – Lakes at Stoneridge; and Ken Roberts – Holly Hills HOA

1. **Welcome:** Mr. Bagley called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M., and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Minutes approval of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Mr. Bagley asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Citizen Issues:**
  - A. None
4. **Old Business:**
  - A. Main St near Bynum Ave – Mr. Goolsby reported that pedestrian warning signs have been installed by SCDOT and that the requestor was appreciative.
  - B. Sweetwater Ln @ Rough Hewn Ln – Captain Stinson explained that the study has been completed but the results have not been collected as of the time of this meeting. The results will be available for the July meeting.
  - C. Marett Blvd @ Nicholson Ave – Mr. Sandifer explained that SCDOT staff is evaluating the request from the May meeting and will report back at the July meeting.
  - D. Shenandoah Cir – Based on the traffic commission discussion the previous month, Mr. Goolsby presented a traffic calming plan for the Holly Hills neighborhood which included 8 speed humps and the associated pavement markings and signs. Captain Stinson provided the results of a speed study. Based on the results of the speed study, it was determined that the installation of speed humps throughout the neighborhood would not qualify for a cost share from the City of Rock Hill. It was noted that the total cost is expected to be near \$24,000, which Mr. Roberts of 1166 Shenandoah Cir. stated that the neighborhood is willing to pay. The next step was to organize the petition pending the traffic commission's approval of the traffic calming plan. A motion was made and seconded to approve the presented speed hump plan. The plan was approved.
  - E. Fieldcrest Cir – Mr. Goolsby reminded the commission that a few concerns about traffic along Fieldcrest Cir were received recently and that a follow-up speed study after the installation of the bump-outs had been performed as of the May meeting. He then provided a summary of the results and in comparison to the studies performed prior to the installation of the bump-outs concluded that general speeds had indeed been reduced. Furthermore, he compared the cost of bump-outs versus speed humps which revealed that

bump-outs were less expensive. He noted however that the bump-outs only work on wider sections of road similar to where used along Fieldcrest Cir. Mr. Goolsby noted that the couple of concerns were received during the beginning phases of the nearby construction project along Celanese Rd at Riverview Rd and Riverchase Blvd. Staff discussion followed and concluded that police will continue to monitor the area but impacts to the regular traffic patterns in the area are likely to occur during the construction.

5. **New Business:**

- A. Lakes @ Stoneridge – Mr. Brown explained he initial spoke with Derick Williams who expressed concerns about traffic speeds in the neighborhood. Mr. Brown shared information on the City’s traffic calming policy. As Mr. Williams was unable to attend, Mr. Schinel, VP of Lakes at Stoneridge HOA, addressed the traffic commission. He described the number of homes in the area as well as the layout of the overall neighborhood as it contains multiple HOAs. He noted the long straightaways in the neighborhood and proposed installing stop signs be installed along Plantation Hills and Rosemore Place as an inexpensive solution. He also noted the future Stoneridge Hills development that is to contain about 325 homes and will be connected to Plantation Hills Dr. Mr. Goolsby reminded Mr. Schindel of concerns with using stop signs for traffic calming as drivers develop the tendency to run stop signs when the stop signs are not warranted. This has been found to create other safety concerns related to the running of stop signs. It was noted that unwarranted stop signs can negative impact pedestrian safety as pedestrians anticipate vehicles stopping. He noted that standard traffic calming such as speed humps may appropriate in this setting. Mr. Schindel expressed interest in having the new development fund the installation of traffic calming. Mr. Goolsby was not sure how the City could make that a requirement on that development. Mr. Schindel then expressed concern about the speed limit signing throughout the neighborhood. The general sentiment of the committee is that one speed limit sign entering the community would be appropriate with the layout of the neighborhood. Based on the concerns, Police will perform a speed study.
- B. 917 E. Black St – Ms. Kears made a request for the commission to consider installing no parking signs in the vicinity of 917 E. Black St near International Auto. She described that there have been repetitive code enforcement issues due to the size of the lot and the use of the lot. As a result, multiple vehicles are routinely parked on both sides of the street. By code, the property should be able to accommodate 6 spaces plus places for vehicles overnight. It has been found that there are typically more vehicles onsite than what is allowed by code which also leaves little room for circulation. Ms. Kears further explained that when the business owner is waiting for payment for a repaired vehicle, that vehicle can be left for long periods of time. With the consistent on street parking occurring at this location, she expressed concern about vehicles backing out of the site. She noted that he property owner is considering selling the property but is concern that if the property is not sold, the problems associated with the current situation will continue. She noted that he fines that have been levied against the business owner have had little impact on the situation. The traffic commission discussed the situation and came to the conclusion that restricting parking based on this situation may not correct the issue and therefore may not be helpful. Staff will work together to identify the best course of action.
- C. Constitution Blvd – Mr. Lindsay of 1223 Autumn Breeze Ct requested that the speed limit along Constitution Blvd between Cherry Rd and Herlong Ave be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. He noted that the speed limit on Constitution Blvd south of Cherry Rd is posted 35 mph. He also noted a recent accident which led to him requesting a no U-turn sign installed on Constitution Blvd at Bynum Ave. He provided his opinion that because of the latitude that officers typically give, he felt like the impact of reducing the speed limit would not be significant on the enforcement by the officers. Captain Stinson noted that high speeds have been observed along Constitution Blvd. Mr. Lindsay then noted a future social club planned at the corner of Cherry Rd and Constitution Blvd and question if the resulting traffic and pedestrian draw would add to the issues. Discussion then followed pertaining to the concept and design of the social club and that it is expected that Pursley St will become a right-in/right-out access. Staff noted that the portion of Constitution Blvd that is in question is maintained by SCDOT. Staff will investigate and report back at the July meeting.

6. **Other Items:**
  - A. Southland Drive – Captain Stinson noted that concerns about speeds have been received in the Southland Drive neighborhood and that police had performed a speed study. He then summarized the results. Discussion followed about the existing speed limit signs in the area and it was noted that SCDOT owns part of Pearson Dr and the City owns the other streets in the neighborhood. Staff will investigate and report back at the July meeting.
  - B. Williams St and Lewis St – Captain Stinson described the results of a speed study. Based on the previous discussions about this topic and the results of the speed study, no further action was considered necessary at this time.
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 10:30 A.M. in Room 373.
8. **Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.