



**ROCK HILL TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 27, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Operations Center, Room 132
SUMMARY MINUTES**

Members Present: Kathy Pender – City Council; Jimmy Bagley – City Management; Terrence Nealy – CRH Public Works; Captain Roderick Stinson – Police; and Clifton Goolsby – CRH Planning & Development;

Guests/Staff Present: Rob Walsh – Campco Engineering; Tommy Feamster-SCDOT; Jason Weil – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; and Arthdale Brown – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services via telephone;

1. **Welcome:** Ms. Pender called the meeting to order at 10:36 A.M., and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Minutes approval of February 26, 2020:** Ms. Pender asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the February 2020 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Citizen Issues:**
None
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. Mabry Park – It was reported that the neighborhood had recently, or would soon begin the process of obtaining signatures of support for the traffic calming petition. They have stated they will utilize electronic signatures organized through their property management company. It was then mentioned that concerns were received pertaining to parking challenges in area of the townhomes. This topic was investigated and addressed by Traffic Commission in the past, which included having some signing installed as well as having staff provide the neighborhood with options to increase the parking capacity.
 - B. Mt. Gallant Rd & Cherry Rd – Mr. Goolsby stated that staff provided SCDOT with traffic counts obtained through the City’s relatively new signal camera detection. It was stated that we will not have a good understanding of how effective any changes will be until traffic gets back to normal. Just like the previous cameras used for detection at traffic signals, the new cameras also do not record. Mr. Feemster reported the provided data seemed a little questionable and that SCDOT is considering obtaining standard traffic counts when traffic has normalized. He then discussed potentially adjusting the leading and lagging signal phases, but advised that the adjustment may violate a driver’s expectation.
 - C. Steed St – Mr. Goolsby summarized concerns received about truck traffic traveling on residential roads such as Steed St and reminded the commission of previous items related to the same basic concerns. It was discussed that GPS routing could have some involvement with the recurring truck routing concerns. He then described his discussion with the manager of Greif/Caraustar Industries in trying to promote their traffic avoiding residential roads and utilizing the major roads, such as Cherry Rd, Anderson Rd, Ebinport Rd and McDow Dr. In addition to that effort, the preferred routing information to and from Greif/Caraustar Industries was added into their bid packages to as another method to make drivers more aware of the preferred routing.
5. **New Business:**

- A. Riverwalk River District – Mr. Goolsby explained staff received some complaints about on-street parking occurring in the travel lanes in the River District of the Riverwalk development and that staff responded by having some no parking signs installed in the area. During the effort, staff also had the intersection of Herrons Ferry and Terrace Park changed to an all-way stop controlled intersection to provide a safer environment for the frequent pedestrians in the area. He further added that staff has continued to receive complaints about people parking in the roadway. Captain Stinson noted police's effort to educate and enforce people in the area including reaching out to postal services and businesses asking they have their drivers stop in the parking lots rather than in the roadways. Mr. Bagley stated that frequently vehicles are observed parked in the wrong direction and it was noted that there can be more demand for parking in the area than there are spaces. Discussion followed on the timing of upcoming additions to the area as well as the availability of parking in the existing lots. It was suggested that staff investigate if directional signs for public parking would be helpful.
- B. Albright Rd – Mr. Feemster reported that SCDOT received a request for a crosswalk and signal in the vicinity of Rockwood Dr and Albright Rd. He explained that the count for pedestrians and traffic was low the day they were checked, although it was raining. Staff noted the guidance for the placement of crosswalks would not support the addition of one in this location. Mr. Goolsby then reported on the accident history along Albright Rd in this area over the past 5 years highlighting the number of pedestrian related accidents and specifically the ones that resulted in fatalities. It was noted that the area included in the accident assessment covered more than the area in the vicinity of the Rockwood Dr/Albright Rd intersection. Until there are more businesses in the shopping center, it appears unlikely the traffic volumes will reach the level to warrant the installation of a traffic signal. Staff then discussed the response to the concerns previously and speculated that the City's Electric department had improved the street lighting around that time. Staff will confirm.
- C. Riverview Road @ Celanese Rd – Mr. Brown described that staff received complaint pertaining to the changes made recently as part of the construction project along Celanese Rd at Riverview Rd and Riverchase Blvd. The resident lives in Bristol Park and is now unable to make the left into and out of the gas station on the northwest corner of the intersection to access her neighborhood. As a result, she is now forced to turn onto Celanese Rd when was not the case before the project. Staff explained that the new design is a safety improvement even if it results in minor inconvenience for some residents. It was noted that the removal of the left turning movements is one of the features of the improvement project that significantly improves the safety of the area.
- D. Grady Dr – Mr. Goolsby reported City Management received a complaint about speeding and a request for a 25 mph speed limit on Grady Dr and that traffic commission has investigated traffic concerns on Grady Dr before. The portion of Grady Dr closest to Ebenezer Rd is maintained by SCDOT while a portion of the back of the neighborhood is maintained by the City. Staff also received a question about the speed trailer that stationed on the road for a period of time. Captain Stinson reported on police's recent observations in the area and noted that the speed limit sign associated with the speed trailer was found to be adjusted when it was being moved from Grady Dr. As the road is unposted, the default speed limit is 35 mph. Discussion followed and staff did not see a need to pursue a speed study. It was stated that the neighborhood could consider requesting traffic calming but would likely not meet the thresholds for the City to share in the cost. Based on the discussion and observations by the police and staff, there was not an apparent reason to reduce the speed limit.
- E. S. York Ave – Mr. Weil reported that the Mayor was contacted by a resident of York Ave who has lived there about a year who was concerned about the speed of traffic on York Ave. In his email, the requestor inquired about the City providing speed humps and installing speed limit signs as none are currently present. Discussion followed where it was mentioned that York Ave is utilized by the City's bus system (My Ride) and would likely not be an area permitted for the installation of speed humps. Staff did support posting the current speed limit as it was mentioned there is a proposed development on the corner of

Finley Rd and S. York Ave that is expected to increase traffic along York Ave. As York Ave is a SCDOT maintained roadway, staff will coordinate with SCDOT to have speed limit signs installed.

F. Pendleton St – Mr. Weil reported a complaint about speeding on Pendleton St went to the Mayor and that he had reached out to the requestor to discuss his concerns. He let the requestor know about past traffic studies performed along Pendleton and explained the results of those studies as well as the recent informal studies performed by the Police Department while monitoring the area in an unmarked vehicle. Mr. Weil explained that the requestor was interested in police checking the area around 5:30 pm, posting the speed limit as it is currently unposted and therefore 35 mph., and wanted to know if the speed limit could be reduced. Captain Stinson stated he would have an officer spend some time in the area around the requested time. Staff discussion followed pertaining to the speed limit. The data and observations provided did not reveal the need to post the speed limit at this time.

6. **Other Items:**

None

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. in the Operations Center Room 132.

8. **Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 A.M.