



ROCK HILL TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

January 16th, 2019 – 10:30 AM
Rock Hill City Hall, Room 373
SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present: Kathy Pender – City Council; Jimmy Bagley – City Management; Terrence Nealy – CRH Public Works; Sargent Tim Allen – Police; and Rusty Thomason – CRH Utilities

Guests/Staff Present: Rob Walsh – Campco Engineering; Jason Weil – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Arthdale Brown – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; and Clint Carpenter – University Dr.

1. **Welcome:** Ms. Pender called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M., and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Minutes approval of December 12th, 2018:** Ms. Pender asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the December 12th, 2018 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Citizen Issues:**
None
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. University Dr – Ms. Pender summarized the concerns related to this item, the presence of truck traffic and restrictions to on-street parking, and described the traffic commissions desire to allow the nearby construction projects to get completed. Mr. Carpenter expressed displeasure with the parking restrictions and described a situation where police directed his yard maintenance crew to move their vehicle and trailer as both were parked in a no parking zone. He also indicated that trucks from the new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Cherry Rd have been routinely using University Dr to get to and from I-77. He further expressed concern about motorcycle drivers speeding on University Dr.

Ms. Pender first addressed the parking concerns where it was noted that signs restricting parking are installed along the road. The question was raised as to if restricting parking was associated with the new bike lanes installed on the road and if it is an actual requirement or merely guidance. Mr. Walsh described that during the planning efforts for the Pennies for Progress project that installed the bike lanes on University Dr, relatively longer driveways for each residence were identified along University Dr, which allows for more vehicles to be accommodated in the driveway. During that process, observations were made that did not reveal a significant amount of on-street parking and therefore accompanied with the longer driveways, helped support the decision to install bike lanes. Mr. Walsh further described that also during the planning phase of the project, a community meeting was conducted where residents were able to provide feedback on the project plans. Mr. Carpenter expressed concern citing special events that involve multiple visitors that typically would park on the street. He then requested that the signs be removed. To ensure residents along the street share in these concerns or not, staff will survey the neighborhood which is to include educating the residents that fines are possible for those in violation of the parking restrictions.

Secondly, the traffic concerns of speeding and routine truck traffic were discussed where it was noted that staff will be conducting a traffic study this month that is to reveal speeds and the levels of truck traffic utilizing University Dr. It was noted that staff will contact Walmart in an effort to reduce their amount of trucks from traveling along University Dr.

- B. Cherry Rd @ Faith Blvd – Mr. Bagley reported that the traffic signal relocation has not occurred yet. It was expressed that the next step in the effort is to work with the church to have their sign relocated so that other issues can be improved before the signal is relocated. Previous discussions with Home Depot were then summarized. Ms. Pender added that this project also provides benefit in the City’s efforts to implement a bus system as the signal relocation will facilitate the nearby stop for the buses. It is the traffic commission continued recommendation that the signal be relocated and that this effort will be tasked to staff involved with the development of Riverwalk.
- C. Spruce St – Mr. Walsh reported that there was a request to review speeding issues. A speed study was performed and the results of the study were shared. The study was done in two locations along Spruce St, one near Walnut St and the other closer to Black St. Mr. Walsh recommended that we take the data from the study back to the applicant and explain the lack of an overarching speeding issue. Staff discussed the features of the roadway including its classification and where stop signs are located. City staff will discuss the results with the requestor and note if there is a certain time of day that speeding is observed which would help with targeted enforcement.
- D. Constitution Blvd @ Herlong Ave – Mr. Walsh summarized the left turn issue at this intersection and noted that an intersection traffic count was performed and revealed enough left turns during the peak hour where implementing dual left turn lanes from Constitution Blvd could be supported. The results will be shared with SCDOT district staff as the streets are SCDOT owned to help decide between reinstalling flexible delineators or to restripe the Constitution Blvd approach to have dual left turn lanes. It was noted that not a lot of space exists from the intersection back to the nearest driveways. Staff will provide the results of that discussion at the February meeting.

5. **New Business:**

- A. None

6. **Other Items:**

- A. Rawlinson Rd @ Main St – Ms. Pender summarized the history pertaining to this item. It was noted that Burger King has performed some landscaping pertaining to the visibility concerns, but that further coordination is ongoing.
- B. Laurel St @ White St – Ms. Pender inquired about this item which traffic commission previously received concerns pertaining to visibility at the intersection Laurel St and White St. It was noted that a sign was installed prohibiting right turns on red in response to the concern as clearing the visibility obstructions is not feasible.

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2019, at 10:30 A.M. in Room 373.

8. **Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.