



ROCK HILL TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

August 21st, 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; Captain Roderick Stinson – Police; Ivan McCorkle – CRH General Services; and Clifton Goolsby – CRH Planning and Development

Guests/Staff Present: Mike Fry – Campco Engineering; Jason Weil – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Arthdale Brown – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Demario Irvin – CRH Parking; Michael Sandifer – SCDOT Traffic Engineering; Robert Richter – SCDOT Traffic Engineering; Vic Edwards – SCDOT Traffic Engineering; and John Kirell – Ebenezer Avenue Elementary

1. **Welcome:** Ms. Pender called the meeting to order at 10:31 A.M., and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Minutes approval of July 17th, 2019:** Ms. Pender asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the July 17th, 2019 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Citizen Issues:**
 - A. None
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. Constitution Blvd – Mr. Nealy noted that the trimming discussed at the previous traffic commission meeting is scheduled to be by the end of the week. Mr. Sandifer noted that the speed limit signs discussed at the previous meeting have been installed. Discussion followed about safety related to the potential increase in pedestrian activity when the nearby social club becomes open. Staff noted the pedestrian crossings in this area of Constitution Blvd was previously discussed by the traffic commission. A crosswalk crossing Constitution Blvd was not recommended previously due to a safer crossing being present at the nearby traffic signal. The potential of adding pedestrian warning signs was discussed. SCDOT agreed to study the location to determine if the need exists for any pedestrian warning signing.
 - B. Cherry Rd @ Ebinport Rd – Mr. Goolsby summarized the communication with SCDOT about the request to remove the No Right Turn on Red restriction at this intersection. It was explained that the current right turn restriction was indeed installed related to student pedestrians frequenting the intersection and that for the time being the restriction should remain in place. Mr. Edwards mentioned that ideas like what was purposed at the previous meeting could be considered in the future.
 - C. Bayshore Dr @ India Hook Rd – Mr. Nealy noted that the trimming of some landscaping was identified as a possible improvement and is scheduled to occur by the end of the week. Ms. Pender inquired about request for restricting the left turns at this intersection from Bayshore Dr. Mr. Goolsby summarized the discussion from the previous meeting noting the traffic commission's concerns about the potential to reroute traffic through the nearby neighborhood as well as increase more traffic turning left onto Celanese Rd, both of which were considered to be undesirable.
 - D. Princeton Rd (Spencer Estates) – Mr. Sandifer explained that SCDOT has received an anonymous letter requesting electronic speed signs similar to what was installed earlier this year near Belleview Elementary School. Staff recommended that the effectiveness of the earlier electronic signs be investigated first before pursuing the installation of more electronic signs. Mr. Bagley noted that neighbors in the area have

expressed their opinions that the installed electronic speed signs have been effective in reducing speeds in the area. SCDOT will report back to the traffic commission when the data related to the effectiveness of the electronic speed signs has been evaluated.

5. **New Business:**

- A. Ebenezer Ave Elementary – Mr. Goolsby explained to the traffic commission that the school district's Director of Safety and Security along with the principal from Ebenezer Ave Elementary school requested that on-street parking in front of the school on Ebenezer Ave be prohibited. It was added that the opposite side of the street currently contains some on-street signing. Mr. Goolsby supported the request by describing that the removal of on-street parking would improve visibility for vehicles leaving the bus loop at the front of the school.

Mr. Kirell reported vehicles do sometimes park on the opposite side of the street even though parking is prohibited. He expressed concern regarding students not being totally visible when walking between parked cars. He noted that the afternoon car rider line is relatively slow, particularly with the younger students. As a result, it has been observed that parents are avoiding the rider line and picking up students directly in front of the school on Ebenezer Ave. Discussion followed and concern from staff was raised about the frequency of personal vehicle parking in and near the front bus loop. Staff encouraged Mr. Kirell to attempt more education to parents for the purpose of directing parents to the designated locations for drop offs, pick-ups, and parking. A recommendation was made for the school to consider providing signage where appropriate to clearly display the bus loop along with the car rider line and parking locations. Staff then discussed what type of No Parking signing would be most appropriate and how that could affect residents in the area. Captain Stinson noted that the addition of a school officer at the elementary school will be useful in trying to manage this situation. The discussion concluded with the traffic commission approving establishing No Parking on Ebenezer Ave in front of the school.

- B. White St (Wilson to Dave Lyle) – Mr. Goolsby explained that a business owner along White St expressed concern about the speed limits on White St, specifically as it relates to the added traffic associated with the coming developments in the area. The request was made to consider reducing the speed limit to 25 mph. Mr. Goolsby was concerned that drivers, for the most part, would not comply with a 25 mph speed limit. Captain Stinson noted that the police department's speed devices are operational and that they will perform a speed study along White St.

6. **Other Items:**

- A. Celriver Rd @ Eden Terrace – Captain Stinson asked if a traffic signal was needed at the intersection of Celriver Rd and Eden Terrace. Mr. Edwards described that SCDOT has evaluated this location multiple times in the last few years, before and after the widening of Celriver Rd and at this time, a traffic signal is not warranted at this intersection.

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 18th, 2019, at 10:30 A.M. in Room 373.

8. **Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.