



**ROCK HILL TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 18th, 2019 – 10:30 AM
Rock Hill City Hall, Room 373
SUMMARY MINUTES**

Members Present: Jimmy Bagley – City Management; Terrence Nealy – CRH Public Works; Sgt. Tim Allen – Police; Ivan McCorkle – CRH General Services; and Clifton Goolsby – CRH Planning and Development

Guests/Staff Present: Robert Walsh – Campco Engineering; Jason Weil – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Arthdale Brown – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Michael Sandifer – SCDOT Traffic Engineering; and Lawrence Schindel – Inside Rock Hill

1. **Welcome:** Mr. Bagley called the meeting to order at 10:31 A.M., and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Minutes approval of August 21st, 2019:** Mr. Bagley asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the August 21st, 2019 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Citizen Issues:**
 - A. None
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. Constitution Blvd – Stemming from discussions in previous meetings about concerns regarding speeds (previously concluded) and pedestrian activity on Constitution Blvd, Mr. Sandifer reported that SCDOT performed a pedestrian study in the vicinity of Constitution Blvd and Bynum Ave. He described the parameters and the results of the study and noted roughly half of the observed pedestrian crossings occurred away from the Constitution Blvd/Bynum Ave intersection. Remembering previous requests made to the traffic commission, staff discussed the results and concluded that a midblock crosswalk was not justified. Staff discussed installing pedestrian warning signs similar to what was recently installed on Main St near Bynum Ave. SCDOT concurred with the idea and will make plans to have the appropriate signage installed.
 - B. White St (Wilson to Dave Lyle) – In the response to concerns about speeds, the Police Department performed a series of speed studies along White St. One study was positioned between Laurel St and Stewart Ave and the other positioned between Wilson St and Dave Lyle Blvd. Sgt. Allen shared the results of both studies with the commission. Staff discussion followed noting the straight nature of White St as well as the high density developments planned for the area which are expected to have a meaningful impact on traffic and likely speeds. Staff agreed that reducing the speed limit to the requested amount of 25 mph is not appropriate and that the current speed limit of 35 is suitable for the roadway. Further discussion followed about enforcement efforts along White St.
 - C. Ebenezer Ave Elementary – Mr. Goolsby reminded the traffic commission of the Ebenezer Ave Elementary Principal's request to restrict on-street parking on the school side of Ebenezer Ave to improve safety in the area. He noted that since the August meeting, notifications were sent to residents along the portion of road in questions and that No Parking signs have been installed. However, he noted that the area around the school, including Ebenezer Ave, contain many versions of No Parking signs making it somewhat confusing. Discussion followed and it was requested that Sgt. Allen have an officer look at the signing.

D. Baylor Dr – Mr. Brown summarized the history of this item noting the multiple concerns and requests voiced by representatives of the neighborhood to the traffic commission. In 2018, the neighborhood requested speed humps be installed along Baylor Dr and began the process of acquiring signatures of support on the petition drafted by staff. Mr. Brown explained the new president of the HOA has noted that they are experiencing difficulties getting the required signatures and inquired if other options like installing a multiway stop at the intersection of Baylor Dr and Bristol Pkwy. Staff reemphasized not using stop signs in that manner as it has been found that there are undesirable side effects. It was noted that the petition is over a year old and that if the HOA does provide a signed petition for review, staff will need to ensure signatures are from the current owners.

5. **New Business:**

A. Midvale Ave – Mr. Brown explained that the Sylvia Circle neighborhood noted that a speed limit sign was not installed on Midvale Ave after turn from Albright Rd and would like to have one installed. Furthermore, they requested that the speed limit be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph. Staff noted that Midvale Ave is a SCDOT maintained street and therefore would need to be a part of the evaluation and decision. After some discussion, it was requested of Mr. Sandifer to have SCDOT study the road to determine the appropriate speed limit and then to install the matching sign(s).

B. Terrace Park – Mr. Goolsby highlighted the vast history regarding the speeding concerns along Terrace Park. He summarized the results for the previous studies as well as the results from one recently done by the Police Department, which were typical. Therefore, discussion followed about the previous enforcement efforts and more recent ones. Sgt. Allen noted that when enforcement does occur in that area, some issues with the compliance of stop signs are found. However, not much in the form of speeding is observed.

C. Bird St/Garrison Rd @ Anderson Rd – Mr. Goolsby explained that at one of the recent community meetings, a concern about safety was made regarding the Bird St/Garrison Rd and Anderson Rd intersection. City police had provided a brief accident history which included one fatality. Further details were discussed about the accidents as well as any possible related features of the location. Staff noted that the intersection alignment is not optimal but overall, is relatively normal. Discussion then followed about what other options may be present. Staff requested that SCDOT perform a more detailed analysis of the accident history in preparation for the October traffic commission meeting. An emphasis was made that the intersection is already signalized therefore limiting potential improvement options. Staff added that a realignment of the intersection would be costly and may not show an appreciable change in safety.

6. **Other Items:**

A. Millwood Townhomes – Mr. Weil explained that the townhome section of the Millwood neighborhood is requesting No Parking signs installed on one side of the roads in that part of the development. Staff then discussed the challenges of choosing which side of the road to restrict as it is expected residents will not view the choice as fair. Further discussion followed about how to ensure residents' approval and that the root cause is a lack of parking related to the fact many garages are not utilized for parking vehicles.

B. Laurel Creek Dr – Mr. Goolsby explained that he recently received a packet of information from the Laurel Creek community once again inquiring about traffic calming on Laurel Creek Dr. He described that the packet of information included a petition for a combination of speed humps and all-way stop intersections. It was mentioned that Laurel Creek Dr is posted 25 mph even though it is believed to have been designed for 35 mph. Staff was unsure of when the road was posted that way and noted that the decision to post the road at 25 mph did not involve the traffic commission. Even though the members were not in support of the plan proposed by the neighborhood, the recommendation was made to proceed in having a traffic study performed.

- C. Airport Rd – A request was received asking to have speed limit signs installed on Airport Rd. As SCDOT maintains the portion of Airport Rd in question, SCDOT will investigate and work with staff as needed.
 - D. Princeton Ave – As the request regarding this item was to have electronic speed limit signs installed on Princeton Ave similar to what was done nearby on Spencer St, interest existed in knowing the effectiveness of those installed on Spencer St. Mr. Sandifer provided a comparison of the results of speed studies performed on Spencer St before and after the recent installation of the electronic speed signs. It was mentioned that during the time of the second speed study, additional enforcement along Princeton Ave was occurring, which potentially would impact the speeds of drivers in the area. As a result, SCDOT will perform an additional follow up study.
- 7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 16th, 2019, at 10:30 A.M. in Room 373.
 - 8. **Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 A.M.