

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 23, 1999

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, John Taylor, Joseph Whelan (Chair), and Ruth Wyman

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Bill Gray, and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Linda Applequist, Donna Reed, William Clevenger, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Whelan called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that the Art-in-the-Park display would be extended for another two weeks, ending September 3, 1999.

Ms. Patt requested that comments regarding the Art-in-the-Park display be forwarded to Council Members before they are sent to John David Mooney.

Ms. Wyman inquired why the issue of vicious dogs was not on the agenda for this meeting. Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that the Police Department was not quite ready and it will be on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman.

Ms. Patt requested a change in the minutes in the first line on page three. "Committee" should be "Community Development Commission". There were no objections.

Public Input

Linda Applequist, 204 Pell Circle, addressed the committee regarding the John David Mooney sculpture.

Donna Reed, 1506 Fairlawn Drive, addressed the Committee regarding the acquisition of an additional 33 feet of railroad property located behind her property.

William Clevenger, 1510 E. Fairlawn, addressed the Committee regarding the transfer of railroad right-of-way to abutting homeowners.

Mr. Taylor presented a request by a resident of Wilson Trailer Park regarding people trying to exit the trailer park onto Butzow Drive. The trailer park is located near Guardian West. With three shifts at Guardian West exiting onto Butzow Drive, it is difficult for the residents of the trailer park to get onto Butzow Drive at those times. The request is that Public Works investigate the situation to see if there could be a remedy for this situation.

Ms. Wyman requested that the pedestrian crossing at Cunningham Avenue/Country Club Drive-Perkins Road be put on the agenda of an upcoming Traffic Commission Meeting. Ms. Wyman has a constituent who uses that intersection frequently and views the intersection as dangerous.

CATS Presentation

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that prior to the beginning of the Campus Area Transportation Study (CATS) there was a fatal accident of a student which prompted Chancellor Aiken to challenge the Cities and the University to make the University of Illinois a safer campus.

Mr. Gray introduced Bruce Knight, Planning Director for the City of Champaign.

Mr. Knight presented the procedures involved in beginning the Campus Area Transportation Study (CATS).

Issues addressed by the survey are as follow:

- Pedestrian safety
- Community traffic flow needs
- University-oriented traffic
- Interaction among travel modes
- The roll of non-auto travel modes including pedestrian, bus, bike and travel by persons with disabilities
- Truck traffic, freight deliveries and loading issues
- Traffic calming
- Interaction between parking supply and traffic circulation
- Identifying projects, priorities, and cost estimates

This study recognizes the importance of making compromises. Given the high level of activity and the limited right-of way for improvements, not all problems can be completely fixed or eliminated. This plan strives to strike a balance between all transportation modes by maximizing the use of existing right-of-way to create the safest environment possible.

Mr. Knight reviewed the various phases involved in the study and the results of the study. (A copy of the Campus Area Transportation Study is attached to these minutes.)

Following debate regarding the concerns over issues in this study such as priorities, the cost to implement the various phases, gated street, and traffic on Green Street, Mr. Gray stated that the City of Urbana staff is supportive of the goals of the Campus Area Transportation Study. The study has identified many improvements, the cost of which is projected to be well over ten million dollars. At some point there needs to be serious discussion on the suggested sharing of costs for these improvements.

CATS will appear on the agenda of the September 27, 1999 Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Norfolk and Southern Right-of-Way Disposition

Mr. Gray stated that this is a variety of properties under the city control that we do not want to own and maintain and are trying to dispose of.

This is the property immediately behind Scottswood Manor that the City is proposing to deed to property owners immediately to the west, which consists of single family residences. It is suggested that Outlot 1 be advertised for sale and sold to the highest bidder. Outlot 2, which is adjacent to Thomas Paine

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School, would be conveyed to the school. Outlot 3 has property owners that might be interested; it would be advertised and sold to the highest bidder. There is one unclaimed parcel that will be offered to people residing near the parcel.

Ms. Wyman moved to send the issue of the **Norfolk and Southern Right-of-Way** to Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Whelan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor, Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.