

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 5, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer
Shawn Crowley, Alternate for Chief of Police

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Milton Otto, City Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rev. Gerald King, First United Methodist Church, 304 S. Race
Pat Stebbins, Champaign County Housing Authority
Gary Biehl, University of Illinois, Operations and Maintenance

The meeting began at 4:10 p.m. Joe Smith was Acting Chair.

Additions to the agenda:

There were three additions to the agenda:

Discussion of fire lane along the east side of the First United Methodist Church.
Discussion of parking on Lynn Street and Water Street.
Discussion of parking restrictions on Briarcliff Drive and James Cherry Drive.

Approval of Minutes:

Shawn Crowley moved to accept the minutes as read. Joe Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of May 2002.

Item #1 - Discussion of traffic flow on Division Street.

Pat Stebbins, representing the Champaign County Housing Authority, reported that the Housing Authority did not have the necessary funding to spend for a barrier to keep traffic on Lakeside Terrace from using Division Street. She stated that the Lakeside Terrace housing units would undergo redevelopment within the next three years at which time the traffic patterns would be analyzed to suggest changes in traffic flow.

Mr. Smith requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

No further discussion was necessary.

Item #2 - Discussion of 25 M.P.H. speed limit on non-arterial streets in the University District.

Gary Biehl from the University of Illinois discussed the recommendation of the Campus Area Transportation Study (CATS) to create the University District with uniform speed limits and other uniform regulations. Mr. Biehl stated that the City of Champaign and the University of Illinois have already passed legislation that reduced speed limits in the University District to 25 M.P.H. He asked that the Traffic Commission consider reducing speed limits on residential streets within the University District to 25 M.P.H. to be consistent with the other streets within the district. He stated that the University would be responsible for the installation of the speed limit signs below the already posted University District signage on those Urbana residential streets.

Joe Smith stated that since the issue had been discussed by the CATS membership, he supported the speed limit reduction on non-arterial streets within the University District. He stated that the City did not want the speed limit reduction on its major arterial streets.

Joe Smith moved to reduce the speed limit from 30 M.P.H. to 25 M.P.H. on the following streets:

- Mathews Avenue from University Avenue to Nevada Street
- Harvey Street from University Avenue to Springfield Avenue
- Gregory Street from University Avenue to Green Street
- Gregory Place from Illinois Street to Oregon Street
- Clark Street from Harvey Street to Lincoln Avenue
- Main Street from Harvey Street to Lincoln Avenue
- Stoughton Street from Harvey Street to Lincoln Avenue
- Illinois Street from Goodwin Avenue to Lincoln Avenue
- Oregon Street from Mathews Avenue to Lincoln Avenue
- Nevada Street from Mathews Avenue to Lincoln Avenue

Shawn Crowley seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0. This item will go to Council for consideration.

Mr. Biehl stated that the University might return to the Traffic Commission to discuss the possibility of reducing speed limits on Green Street and Springfield Avenue.

Item #3 - Discussion of the installation of a flashing light crosswalk on Springfield Avenue at Grainger Library.

Gary Biehl discussed the installation of an illuminated crosswalk on Springfield Avenue between Wright Street and Mathews Avenue for pedestrian crossing between Grainger Library and the Engineering Quad. He explained that this device had been used in Washington, D.C. and various cities in California and would be installed soon at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. He stated that the device was activated by motion when a pedestrian passed the sensor to warn motorists of pedestrians crossing. He added that the vendor would be available to present the device at the Council meeting, if necessary.

Joe Smith asked about responsibility for installation and maintenance.

Mr. Biehl stated that the University would pay for the full cost. He stated that the bid included a solar powered unit on the post with the photo-sensor.

Shawn Crowley asked what type of control would eliminate traffic congestion when pedestrians are continually crossing at the mid-block location.

Mr. Biehl stated that traffic flow was not a concern; safety was the reason for installing the crosswalk. He added that the intent was not to make traffic flow smoother.

Discussion followed about the safety of students crossing between stopped vehicles at locations other than the crosswalk.

Mr. Biehl stated that the University would like a centerline warning sign to further warn motorists of the pedestrian crossing and to promote safety.

Joe Smith moved to endorse the installation of the illuminated crosswalk on Springfield Avenue between Wright Street and Mathews Avenue on an experimental basis.

Shawn Crowley seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #4- Discussion of the installation of a dangerous intersection sign on Airport Road at Landis Farm Road.

Joe Smith explained that a hill to the east of the intersection at Airport Road and Landis Farm Road limited visibility for motorists on Airport Road and Landis Farm Road. He added that the right-of-way was within the City limits and suggested that signage be installed to warn motorists of the visibility problems.

Joe Smith moved to install a "Dangerous Intersection" sign on Airport Road at 390' east of the centerline of Landis Farm Road.

Shawn Crowley seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

Addendum - Discussion of fire lane along the east side of the First United Methodist.

Reverend Gerald King discussed his concerns about motorists illegally parking along the fire lane next to the church. He stated that he had called the Police Department to report motorists who have parked in the fire lane but was told that the motorists could not be ticketed because the area was not properly marked.

Shawn Crowley stated that the area must be marked and posted as a fire lane before Parking Enforcement could write a ticket. She stated that she noticed semis parked in that area blocking the fire lane.

Rev. King stated that they do not allow their employees and their parishioners to park along the east side of the church.

Shawn Crowley stated that Parking Enforcement did not have the personnel to enforce all of the fire lanes in the City. She said that they would enforce it if someone called in a complaint, but Parking Enforcement does not enforce fire lane parking violations regularly. She added that the area should be marked as a fire lane.

Joe Smith stated that he believed that it was a fire lane even though it was not marked as one.

Joe Smith moved to mark the curb along the east side of the First United Methodist Church as a fire lane, change the existing signage to "No Parking Anytime - Fire Lane," and add two additional signs to clarify the location of the fire lane.

Joe Smith recommended placing one of the additional signs close to the High Street intersection; the other one near the dead end at Green Street and that "Fire Lane" be painted on the pavement.

This item does not require Council action

Addendum - Discussion of parking on Lynn Street and Water Street.

Shawn Crowley stated that she would report on observations of the parking situation on Lynn Street and Water Street at the July Traffic Commission Meeting.

Addendum – Discussion of parking restrictions on Briarcliff Drive and James Cherry Drive.

Joe Smith recommended that this item be placed on the Traffic Commission agenda for July 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The next meeting will be held July 2, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary

The results of the May STEP enforcement are included with these minutes.

URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: MAY SCHOOL STEP 2002
DATE: 6/14/2002
CC: BARB STHIEL

PRAIRIE SCHOOL

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/08/02	1400-1600	11-601B 11-605 11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE 11-605 32 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE 52 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/14/02	1400-1600	11-601B 11-601B 6-303	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE 46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE 6-303 SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE

UMS

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/02/02	1500-1700	11-605	36 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
05/16/02	0700-0900	11-601B 11-601B 11-605 11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE 43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE 11-605 40 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE 38 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

UMS CONTINUED

05/24/02	1500-1700	11-601b	52 MPH in 30 MPH ZONE
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URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: MAY 2002 STEP
DATE: 6/14/2002
CC: BARB STIHL

BRADLEY AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/10/02	0700-0900	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/23/02	1300-1500	11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/28/02	1400-1600	NONE REPORTED	
KINCH STREET			
05/29/02	0700-0900	11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		6-101	6-101 NO DRIVER'S LICENSE
		3-707	3-707 NO INSURANCE
KINCH STREET CONTINUED			
		3-413F	EXPIRED REGISTRATION

LINCOLN AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/03/02	1700-1900	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/06/02	0700-0900	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
05/18/02	1100-1300	11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

05/22/02	0700-0900	11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

LINCOLN AVENUE CONTINUED

11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

05/30/02	1300-1500	11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

WASHINGTON STREET

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/01/02	1100-1300	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		6-303	6-303 SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

05/09/02	1500-1700	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

05/13/02	0700-0900	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

WASHINGTON STREET CONTINUED

05/21/02	1500-1700	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

05/31/02	1100-1300	11-601b	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601b	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601b	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601b	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601b	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601b	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

WINDSOR ROAD

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/15/02	1700-1900	11-601B	52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE