

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer
Eddie Adair, Chief of Police

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Milton Otto, City Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat Connolly, Urbana Police Department
Jim Hayes, City Council Member, Ward 3
Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement
Georgia Hillery, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Barbara Brady, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Name illegible, 108 East Illinois Avenue, Apt 208
Helen Harvey, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Vivian Isaksen, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Pauline Innes, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Juanita Keister, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Nancy Bible, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Sylvia Herakovich, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Marcee B. Wells, Manager, Florida House
Charles Reno, 1502 East Florida Avenue
John Palmisano, 1502 East Florida Avenue
Willie T. Summerville, Canaan Baptist Church
Rev. B. J. Tatum, Canaan Baptist Church
Rebecca Eubig, 1703 Briarcliff Drive
April Getchius, University of Illinois
Tara Dalle, Laidlaw Transit

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Eddie Adair moved to accept the minutes. Joe Smith seconded the motion.
The Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes from August 5, 2003 as read.

Item #1 - Discussion of no parking on the north side of Florida Avenue, east of Philo Road.

Joe Smith discussed the concern about vehicles parking along the north side of Florida Avenue, east of Philo Road. He stated that vehicles park too close to the bus shelter causing buses to block traffic when loading passengers.

Florida House residents expressed the need for parking on the street since the parking lot at Florida House is restricted to residents. They stated that employees, visitors and health care providers use on-street parking when visiting Florida House.

A resident stated that removing one parking space would help solve the problem at the bus shelter.

Another resident felt that removing two spaces would be the ideal solution.

Mr. Smith stated that the current situation did not allow the buses enough room to move out of the flow of traffic.

Juanita Keister asked if parking spaces could be painted on the street so visitors would use spaces correctly.

Mr. Smith said that the City might consider adding marks on the street to show parking spaces.

Marcee Wells asked if the City would remove some of the dashed white lines to help define the parking area from lanes of traffic.

Mr. Smith said that the City would remove five of the white dashed lines.

Joe Smith moved to remove five white dashed lines from the east end of the westbound lanes on Florida Avenue, install an additional 27 feet of yellow curbing on the north side of Florida Avenue, east of Philo Road, and install a "No Parking Here To Corner" sign on Florida, east of Philo Road.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #2 - Discussion of traffic on Briarcliff Drive and Adams Street.

Joe Smith stated that he observed traffic on Briarcliff Drive and Adams Street on several occasions between the hours of 2:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. and saw less than three vehicles use it as cut-through traffic during those times.

Rebecca Eubig stated that she had seen vehicles ignore the yield signs on Adams Street on several occasions, but she said that there were no particular times of the day when the problem was more prevalent than others.

Joe Smith stated that the intersection at Adams Street and Briarcliff Drive was very large and stop signs would be more effective to regulate traffic as it approached the intersection.

Joe Smith moved to change the "Yield" signs to "Stop" signs on Adams Street at Briarcliff Drive.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Chief Adair stated that he would schedule on-duty traffic enforcement to monitor traffic violations.

Item #3 - Discussion of loading zone along the west side of University High School on Mathews Avenue.

April Getchius discussed the problem that University High School experienced with providing a parking space for those who wish to park short-term to conduct business at the school. She stated that visitors to the computer lab used the parking. Ms. Getchius said that parking was most difficult in the afternoon and requested a 15-minute loading zone in front of University High School.

Joe Smith moved to add a 15-minute loading zone on the east side of Mathews Avenue between Springfield Avenue and Stoughton Street.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

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

Item #4 - Discussion of loading zone along the east side of Canaan Academy at 207 North Central Avenue.

Reverend B. J. Tatum expressed concern about parking around Canaan Baptist Church and Canaan Academy. He was concerned about parishioners receiving tickets for parking in an area that was no longer a no parking area on the south side of Main Street near the intersection of Central Avenue.

Joe Smith said that he would request that the faded yellow area be painted white to avoid any confusion.

Rev. Tatum expressed concern about tenants receiving parking tickets for parking behind the warehouse on Main Street.

Shawn Crowley explained that the area that once was a driveway had not been maintained and was not an acceptable surface for parking. She added that one car ticketed was inoperable. Ms. Crowley recommended that they check with Community Development to make the driveway usable.

Rev. Tatum discussed his concern about Canaan members receiving tickets for illegally parking while member of St. Patrick's were not receiving tickets for the same types of violations.

Chief Adair stated that since he began working at Urbana, any time a complaint was received about parking at Canaan, he would send an officer there and then send the officer to St. Patrick's and vice versa. He added that both parking situations had generated complaints.

Joe Smith stated that there was no traffic regulation on Central Avenue at Griggs Street for northbound traffic. He said that a stop sign should be added and the yellow zones on the east and west sides of Central Avenue should be reduced to require northbound traffic to stop at the intersection. He added that the elimination of some of the yellow curb would allow a few more parking spaces along the street.

Joe Smith moved to install a one-way stop sign for northbound traffic on Central Avenue at Griggs Street and to reduce the yellow curb markings to 30 feet within the stop sign.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go Council for consideration.

Joe Smith stated that the current loading zone would be restricted to 30-minute parking and the ordinance would be changed to reflect the correct measurement for the loading zone.

Item # 5 - Discussion of traffic flow on Fairview Avenue in front of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tara Dalle discussed her concerns about motorists not stopping for school buses that had the stop arms extended. She stated that students and parents are crossing the street between the buses and she was concerned about the safety of those crossing the street when motorists were ignoring the stop arms.

Eddie Adair stated that he would assign special traffic enforcement to the area to ticket motorists who passed a stopped school bus with the stop arm extended.

Joe Smith stated that he would bring this issue to the School District Safety Advisory Board and recommend that the buses load and unload in the parking lot to the north of the building. He said that some minor changes would be needed to accommodate buses in the lot. He recommended installing an advance warning sign stating, "Unlawful To Pass Stopped School Bus." He added that no parking on the south side of the street needed to be enforced. He also suggested that the buses park out in the street instead of in the cut-out area along Fairview Avenue. Mr. Smith hoped that restricting the width of the lane might further discourage motorists from passing the buses.

Joe Smith moved to install an advanced warning sign.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

Jim Hayes asked who would ticket those passing the stopped buses.

Chief Adair stated that the Police Department would ticket the motorist.

Shawn Crowley stressed that bus drivers needed to accurately report the license plate number and provide a vehicle description when reporting violators.

Joe Smith stated that he would contact Carol Baker at the Urbana School District to schedule a meeting in November for the School Safety Advisory Committee to discuss the issue. He said that he would ask that a representative from Laidlaw be invited to the meeting.

Item #6 - Discussion of traffic concerns in the 600 block of West Green Street.

Joe Smith moved to remove this item from the agenda since the person who asked that it be discussed was not in attendance and did not communicate the concerns to any of the Traffic Commission members.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

Item #7 - Discussion of traffic concerns in the 600 block of West Green Street.

Joe Smith moved to remove this item from the agenda since the person who asked that it be discussed was not in attendance and did not communicate the concerns to any of the Traffic Commission members.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

Item #8 - Discussion of traffic study on Springfield Avenue between McCullough Street and Main Street.

Joe Smith discussed the results of a traffic study he conducted between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on a sunny day with temperatures in the mid-70's on Springfield Avenue between McCullough Street and Cedar Street. He noted that 32 pedestrians crossed the street but there was no particular point of crossing, where a crosswalk already exists. He added that no one had difficulty crossing the street because the traffic lights at Main and Race and Springfield and Lincoln provided enough gaps between vehicles to allow pedestrians to cross.

Mr. Smith stated that he would not recommend a crosswalk because there was no definite area where pedestrians were crossing Springfield Avenue. He said that warrants were not met to install stop signs on Springfield Avenue. He requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

Item #9 - Discussion of the installation of signage at Kenyon Road and Cunningham Avenue.

Joe Smith stated that traffic at Kenyon Road and Cunningham Avenue was not clearly controlled. He explained that traffic traveling westbound on Kenyon Road into the apartment complex to the west or the gas station to the south did not have any stop signs and traffic traveling southbound on Kenyon Road did not have any traffic controls. He suggested that further study be conducted to determine the best solution.

Mr. Smith moved to add this item to the December Traffic Commission.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

Chief Adair discussed the September STEP reports. (See attached reports.)

Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

The next meeting of the Urbana Traffic Commission will be on **Tuesday, December 2, 2003** at 4:00 p.m. Urbana City Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 400 South Vine, Urbana. **The November Traffic Commission meeting has been cancelled.**

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary

URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: AUGUST 2003 STEP
DATE: 10/30/2003
CC: BARB STHIEL

ANDERSON (DETOURAREA)

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/11/03	0700-0900	12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS

BRADLEY AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/25/03	1500-1700	11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

COTTAGE GROVE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/20/03	1700-1900	11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		6-303	SUSPENDED LICENSE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

CUNNINGHAM AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/29/03	1700-1900	12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		6-303	SUSPENDED LICENSE
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		6-101	NO DRIVER'S LICENSE
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS

KINCH

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/14/03	1500-1700	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

LINCOLN AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/01/03	0700-0900	11-601B	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

LINCOLN AVENUE (CONTINUED)

		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
08/12/03	1100-1300	11-601B	51 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
08/22/03	1500-1700	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
08/26/03	1700-1900	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	51 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

MAIN STREET

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/07/03	0700-0900	11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

RACE STREET (DETOUR)

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/06/03	1100-1300	NONE	
08/15/03	0700-0900	11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204B	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
08/19/03	1500-1700	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

RACE STREET

08/09/03	1100-1300	11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
08/13/03	1500-1700	11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

RACE STREET CONTINUED

08/23/03	1100-1300	11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

SCOVILL

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/05/03	1300-1500	NONE	
08/18/03	1500-1700	NONE	
08/27/03	0700-0900	NONE	

UNIVERSITY AVENUE (EAST)

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/28/03	1500-1700	11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

WASHINGTON

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
08/21/03	1300-1500	11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE

URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 2003 STEP
DATE: 10/30/2003
CC: BARB STHIEL

BRADLEY AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/19/03	0700-0900	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
09/23/03	1700-1900	11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE

LINCOLN AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/03/03	1700-1900	11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		6-303	SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE
09/09/03	1100-1300	11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
09/17/03	1500-1700	11-601B	46 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
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
09/25/03	0700-0900	11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

UNIVERSITY AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/02/03	1700-1900	11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	54 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-710	FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY
		11-501A	DUI
09/15/03	1700-1900	11-601B	56 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	54 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE

WASHINGTON STREET

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/04/03	1100-1300	11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
09/11/03	1400-1600	3-707	NO INSURANCE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

(WASHINGTON STREET CONTINUED)

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/11/03	1400-1600	12-603.1	NO SEAT BELTS
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
09/16/03	1100-1300	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
09/24/03	1100-1300	12-603	NO SEAT BELTS
		11-502	ILLEGAL TRANS. ALCOHOL
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 2003 SCHOOL STEP
DATE: 10/30/2003
CC: BARB STHIEL

KING SCHOOL

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/22/03	1400-1600	6-101	NO DRIVER'S LICENSE
		11-1414	PASSED SCHOOL BUS

THOMAS PAINE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/07/03	1400-1600	11-605	33 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-605	33 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		6-101	NO DRIVER'S LICENSE

UMS

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/05/03	1500-1700	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

UMS CONTINUED

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/10/03	0700-0900	11-605	35 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-605	34 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-605	32 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
09/15/03	0700-0900	NONE REPORTED	
09/18/03	1500-1700	11-601B	38 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-605	35 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-605	33 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
09/24/03	1500-1700	11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-605	39 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-605	33 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-605	42 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		3-707	NO INSURANCE
09/30/03	0700-0900	11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-605	33 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-605	36 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE

WILEY SCHOOL

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
09/02/03	0700-00900	6-303	SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE
		11-605	41 MPH IN 20 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
09/29/03	1400-1600	11-601B	39 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE