

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement
Anita Fielder, 1509 Trails Drive
Renee Hough, 3205 Baronry Drive

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

In the absence of a chairperson, Joe Smith assumed the position of chairperson.

Approval of Minutes:

Joe Smith moved to accept the minutes as read. Eddie Adair seconded the motion. The Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of April 2005.

Item #1 - Discussion of traffic speeding concerns on Trails Drive.

Residents from the Deerfield Trails Subdivision spoke at the December 2004 Traffic Commission meeting to request a four-way stop signs on Trails Drive to slow traffic. Upon further discussion, the Traffic Commission members suggested that a traffic study be conducted to determine if traffic volumes and speed warranted four-way stop signs in the subdivision.

Joe Smith discussed the results of a traffic study conducted on Trails Drive in the 1500 and 1600 blocks. He noted that the average speed during the morning was 26.7 mph for 66 vehicles and 28.5 mph for 80 vehicles in the afternoon. Mr. Smith stated that the average number of vehicles based upon those numbers would be approximately 1,000 per day, which had not changed since a similar study was conducted in 2001. He said that traffic had begun using Marc Trail to the south of Trails Drive since that street did not have curves and was a shorter distance between Philo Road and Myra Ridge Drive. He added that the violation rate was 15% in the morning and 36% in the afternoon with the maximum speed of 34 mph in the morning and 41 mph in the

afternoon. He concluded that the speed was not dramatically high and was typical for a residential street. He asked that the speed trailer be located on Trails Drive occasionally to remind motorists of the speed limit. Mr. Smith stated that the double curves and on-street parking on Trails Drive slowed down motorists. He encouraged residents to contact the Police Department if they observed motorists speeding in the neighborhood. Mr. Smith stated that a four-way stop at Baronry Drive and Trails Drive would not be warranted based upon the results of the traffic study.

Chief Adair agreed that residents should contact the Police Department if they observed unsafe driving. He added that compared to other neighborhoods, the conditions were very good.

No further action was taken.

Item #2 - Discussion of parking on Washington Street at Anderson Street.

Joe Smith discussed the results of a visibility triangle study conducted at the intersection of Washington Street and Anderson Street. He stated that currently the parking restriction on the south side of Washington Street was 83 feet from the centerline of Anderson Street and that it should be 100 feet from the centerline. He noted that the driveway in front of 607 East Washington Street was 117 feet from the centerline of the intersection so all parking would be eliminated in front of that home.

Joe Smith moved to add 24 feet of yellow curb (no parking zone) to the south side of Washington Street at Anderson Street.

Mr. Smith requested that letters be sent to the residents at 605, 607 and 609 East Washington Street to notify them of the parking restrictions. Since the restrictions were suggested to remedy a safety issue, the Traffic Commission would not reconsider the restriction unless it created a serious hardship.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go the Council for consideration.

Item #3 - Discussion of traffic speeds on Lincoln Avenue at Bradley Avenue.

Eddie Adair stated that many visitors to Urbana had commented that the changing speed limits on Lincoln Avenue were confusing and were not easily seen. Chief Adair recommended reducing all of the speed limits north of Bradley Avenue to 35 mph to reduce confusion among motorists

Joe Smith stated that reducing the speed limit to 35 mph in both directions between I-74 and Bradley Avenue would be helpful since the amount of pedestrian and vehicle traffic has increased with the development in that area.

Joe Smith moved to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph for both directions on Lincoln Avenue from Anthony Drive to Bradley Avenue.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

(Upon further discussion with the Public Works Director, Bill Gray, it was decided that a speed study would be conducted before recommending any changes in speed limits.)

Item #4 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Guardian Drive near Butzow Drive.

Joe Smith stated vehicles, including semi-tractor trailers, doing business at Guardian West were parking along Guardian Drive and created a visibility concern for motorists traveling westbound on Butzow Drive.

Mr. Smith moved to install no parking signs on both sides of Guardian Drive, north of Butzow Drive from the centerline of Butzow Drive to 100 feet north of Butzow Drive.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #5 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Rutherford Drive.

Joe Smith recommended that this item be postponed until the residents of Rutherford Drive are contacted and asked to indicate their preference as to which side of the street should have parking prohibited. He said that the development plans of the subdivision had stated that parking would be restricted to one side of Rutherford Drive so he wanted to reach a consensus with the residents before determining the side where the restrictions would be located.

Meeting adjourned 4:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Gray, Public Works Director for Joe Smith
Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement for Eddie Adair

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Woythal, 1901 B East Amber Lane
Verne Kroes, 2003 A East Amber Lane
Jan Adams, 1901 A East Amber Lane
George Walker, 1814 B Lydia Court
Patty Walker, 1814 B Lydia Court

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May 2005 meeting were unavailable at the time of the meeting. They will be discussed at the next Traffic Commission meeting.

Item #1 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Stone Creek Boulevard between High Cross Road and Stricker Lane.

Bill Gray discussed the plans for the bicycle path on Stone Creek Boulevard between High Cross Road and Stricker Lane. He explained that the bicycle path would run along both sides of Stone Creek Boulevard making the parking restriction necessary to protect those using the bicycle path.

Mr. Gray added that there would be little impact to residents living near that stretch of Stone Creek Boulevard since the homes on the south side back onto Stone Creek Boulevard and the properties on the north would not have primary access to Stone Creek Boulevard.

Bill Gray moved to restrict parking on both sides of Stone Creek Boulevard between High Cross Road and Stricker Lane.

Shawn Crowley seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #2 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Amber Lane, east of Myra Ridge Drive.

Bill Gray discussed staff concerns about vehicles parking on both sides of Amber Lane, east of Myra Ridge Drive. He noted that the parked vehicles restricted two-way traffic movement along Amber Lane. Mr. Gray mentioned that parking was not allowed on the south side due to the pavement width and the need for the Post Office to access mailboxes on that side of the street.

Mr. Woythal stated that the Post Office was concerned about parking in front of the mailboxes and that he had heard about residents receiving notices when carriers were unable to deliver the mail.

Mr. Kroes stated that the residents were not the people parking illegally on the south side. He stated that some delivery trucks park on the south side.

Ms. Adams expressed concern about motorists speeding on Amber Lane.

Mr. Gray stated that in the future Colorado Avenue would be connected to Stone Creek Boulevard, resulting in fewer vehicles using Amber Lane as a connection to the Stone Creek Subdivision.

Ms. Crowley suggested that STEP enforcement could be scheduled along the street to make motorists aware of the speed limit. She asked Ms. Adams when motorists appeared to be speeding.

Ms. Adams stated that the mornings were the worst.

Mr. Kroes said that he didn't think that the residents of the apartment complexes were speeding. He felt that the speeding occurred when others visited the Stone Creek Subdivision and used Amber Lane to access the area.

Bill Gray recommended that the parking restrictions remain the same but that Parking Enforcement would look at parking violations on Amber Lane.

Shawn Crowley said that she would look at the parking situation and see if more parking signs were needed.

Item #3 - Discussion of the installation of "No Outlet" signage on Lydia Court at Myra Ridge Drive.

George Walker discussed his concern about motorists turning onto Lydia Court expecting it to be a through street. He stated that the condo group on Lydia Court asked him to find out if a "No Outlet" sign could be installed.

Patty Walker stated that many people traveled down Lydia Court thinking that it was a through street.

Bill Gray moved to install a "No Outlet" sign on Lydia Court, east of Myra Ridge Drive.

Shawn Crowley seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item does not require Council action.

Eddie Adair presented the May 2005 STEP reports to the Traffic Commission. (See attached.)

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be held July 12, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: MAY 2005 STEP
DATE: 6/2/2005
CC: BARB STHEIL

BRADLEY AVE.

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/04/05	1300-1500	11-601(B)	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/17/05	1700-1900	11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	54 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	OPERATING UNINSURED VEH
		3-707	OPERATING UNINSURED VEH
		6-101	NO VALID D.L.

LINCOLN AVE.

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/09/05	1300-1500	11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/13/05	1500-1700	11-601(B)	53 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

		11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	53 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	53 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/19/05	0700-0900	11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/17/05	1100-1300	11-601(B)	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/25/05	1300-1500	11-601(B)	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/27/05	0700-0900	11-601(B)	51 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	51 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

MAIN ST.

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/09/05	0700-0900	11-601(B)	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/12/05	1000-12000	11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	55 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
05/16/05	0700-0900	NONE REPORTED	
05/19/05	1500-1700	11-601(B)	51 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	50 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
05/24/05	1100-1300	11-601(B)	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

PERKINS/CUNNINGHAM

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/02/05	0700-0900	NONE REPORTED	
05/10/05	1030-1200	11-601(B)	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
05/24/05	1300-1500	11-306(C)	DISOBEY RED LIGHT
		11-306(C)	DISOBEY RED LIGHT

RACE ST.

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/11/05	0700-0900	11-601(B)	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		3-707	OPERATING UNINSURED VEH
		6-101	NO VALID D.L.
05/23/05	0700-0900	11-601(B)	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

WINDSOR RD.

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/07/05	1300-1500	11-601(B)	53 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	53 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
05/21/05	1300-1500	11-601(B)	54 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	56 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
05/28/05	1100-1300	11-601(B)	52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	55 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601(B)	53 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: MAY 2005 SCHOOL STEP
DATE: 6/2/2005
CC: BARB STHEIL

UMS

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
05/06/05	1500-1700	NONE REPORTED	