

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 2, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Milton Otto, City Council Member
Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer
Eddie Adair, Chief of Police

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement
Hoke Hildreth, 903 East Water

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Eddie Adair moved to accept the minutes as read. Joe Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 2002.

Item #1 - Discussion of parking restrictions on both sides of Myra Ridge Drive between Amber Lane and Windsor Road.

Joe Smith stated that the subdivision ordinance required parking restrictions on one side of a collector street due to the developer's plan for a 31' wide street and Myra Ridge Drive and Amber Lane are both designated as collectors.

Joe Smith moved to install "No Parking This Side of Street" signs on the east side of Myra Ridge Drive between Amber Lane and Windsor Road.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #2 - Discussion of parking restrictions on both sides of Amber Lane between Stone Creek Boulevard and Philo Road.

Joe Smith stated that the development along Amber Lane necessitated parking restrictions along Amber Lane since the developer wanted a 31' wide street to accommodate parking on one side. He suggested eliminating parking along the south side of Amber Lane since it was the inside of a curve, mailboxes were there and several intersections to the Meijer development were located on the south side of the street.

Joe Smith moved to install "No Parking on This Side of Street" signs on the south side of Amber Lane between Stone Creek Boulevard and Philo Road.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #3 - Discussion of parking restrictions on James Cherry Drive and Briarcliff Drive.

Joe Smith addressed visibility concerns brought to the Commission by Joe Whelan and a resident of the Amvets Subdivision. Mr. Smith stated that the existing parking restrictions along the north side of Briarcliff Drive, west of James Cherry Drive, did not provide adequate visibility for motorists driving towards the west along Briarcliff Drive.

Joe Smith moved to remove parking restrictions on the west side of Briarcliff Drive at James Cherry Drive to the south. He moved to extend the no parking restriction along Briarcliff Drive from Kingston Drive to 135 feet to the east of Kingston Drive.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0. This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #4- Discussion of traffic signage at Cunningham Avenue and O'Brien Drive.

Joe Smith discussed signage needed for traffic control on Anthony Drive along Cunningham Avenue and O'Brien Drive.

Eddie Adair expressed concern about emergency response on Anthony Drive since East Anthony Drive is located along the east and west side of Cunningham Avenue. He stated that there was a possibility that vehicles responding to an emergency might lose time if called to the area since there would be two intersections where Anthony Drive and O'Brien Drive meet.

Milton Otto asked that Anthony Drive along the east side of Cunningham Avenue be renamed to provide more clarity for those responding to emergency situations.

The Commission suggested temporarily renaming East Anthony Drive, east of Cunningham Avenue, after the property owners from which the right-of-way was acquired. (The street would extend from the curve north of Dusk Lane to Northwood Drive.) The Commission suggested that Council could select a permanent street name at a later date, but the Commission wanted to provide an accurate description of the street for purposes of adding signage.

Milton Otto moved to install 3-way stop signs at the corner of Dessen Drive and O'Brien Drive.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0. This item will go to Council for further consideration.

Joe Smith moved to install a "Stop Ahead" sign on Dessen Drive, south of O'Brien Drive; a stop sign on Dessen Drive at Northwood Drive for northbound traffic; a two-way stop sign on East Anthony Drive at O'Brien Drive for northbound and southbound traffic.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

Joe Smith recommended the installation of a "No Outlet" sign on the frontage road, north of O'Brien Drive, along the east side of Cunningham Avenue for southbound traffic.

The Commission recommended temporarily naming the frontage road after the adjacent property owner. It was recommended that the Council could determine a permanent name for the road at a later date.

Milton Otto moved to install a "No Outlet" sign on Ohnstad Drive, north of O'Brien Drive for southbound traffic.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

Joe Smith stated that the street names might need to be approved by the Mayor. He added that whatever names were chosen for the streets, the street names would need to be reviewed by the Engineering Division to make sure that the names are not duplicating any other names.

Item #5- Discussion of parking concerns at Lynn Street and Water Street.

Mr. Hildreth discussed his concerns about illegal parking near his driveway and in the alley near his home. He asked the Commission if it would be possible to paint the curb yellow to keep motorists from parking near his driveway.

Shawn Crowley asked Mr. Hildreth to contact Parking Enforcement whenever a vehicle blocked the driveway. She stated that she would ticket anyone parked within 5 feet of the driveway.

Joe Smith said that he would look at the curbs at the southeast corner of Lynn Street and Water Street to determine whether or not the area where the yellow curbs are should be extended.

The Commission discussed items for upcoming Traffic Commission meetings.

Eddie Adair discussed the results of the June STEP detail. (See attached report.)

Meeting adjourned 4:40 P.M.

The meeting will be August 6, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary