

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
Tuesday, April 12, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement  
Mike Fred, Cunningham Children's Home

Meeting began at 4:02 p.m. Joe Smith assumed the Chair.

**Additions to the agenda:**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Item #1 - Discussion of bus loading zone at Circle Academy on Division Street.**

Mike Fred discussed the request for a bus loading zone for Circle Academy. He stated that there were approximately 70-75 students who attended the school. He added that there were busses and/or cabs picking up or dropping off students every hour of the school day.

Joe Smith asked if there were curbs on Division Street at that location.

Mr. Fred stated that there were no curbs.

Mr. Smith said that since there were no curbs that signage needed to be installed instead of marking a curb with yellow paint. He asked if busses parking along the street would be ticketed where "No Parking" signs were installed.

Shawn Crowley said that Parking Enforcement would not ticket busses parking in the "No Parking" area since they would be there to transport students.

Joe Smith moved to install “No Parking, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.” signs on the east side of Division Street from Oakland Avenue to Bailey Avenue.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

**Item #2 - Discussion of the installation of an intersection warning sign on Philo Road for Marc Trail.**

Joe Smith discussed the conditions on Philo Road that required additional signage to warn southbound motorists of the upcoming intersection at Marc Trail.

Mr. Smith moved to install an intersection warning sign for southbound traffic on Philo Road before Marc Trail.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item does not require Council approval.

**Item #3 - Discussion of the installation of an intersection warning sign on Lincoln Avenue for Eads Street.**

Joe Smith stated that the conditions on Lincoln Avenue were similar to those discussed in Item #2. and required signage on Lincoln Avenue to warn southbound motorists of the upcoming intersection at Eads Street.

Joe Smith moved to install an intersection warning sign for southbound traffic on Lincoln Avenue before Eads Street.

Eddie Adair asked if the vegetation at the northwest corner of the intersection of Eads Street and Lincoln Avenue would be trimmed.

Joe Smith said that he would discuss the findings of the visibility triangle study with staff to determine if any of the bushes were to be trimmed or removed.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item does not require Council approval.

**Item #4 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Lierman Avenue south of Washington Street.**

Since the parking lot for Woodstone Apartments has not been striped, this item has been postponed until the May Traffic Commission Meeting.

**Item #5 - Discussion of removal of pedestrian crosswalk on Vine Street at Michigan Avenue.**

Joe Smith explained that the Regional Planning Commission had advised that the crossing on Vine Street at Michigan Avenue was not safe since Michigan Avenue met Vine Street at two different locations. Mr. Smith added that when discussed at the Urbana School District's Safety Advisory Committee, the members of that committee agreed that the crosswalk should be removed and that students should be directed to cross on Vine Street at Fairlawn Drive.

Joe Smith moved to remove the signage and school crosswalk on Vine Street at Michigan Avenue.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item does not require Council approval.

**Item #6 - Discussion of "No Left Turn" on Mathews Avenue at Springfield Avenue.**

Joe Smith discussed the findings of a traffic study conducted by the University of Illinois at the intersection of Mathews Avenue and Springfield Avenue. He said that the study recommended that left turns for northbound traffic be prohibited on Mathews Avenue at Springfield Avenue.

Eddie Adair expressed concern that left turns would not be allowed at times when traffic was minimal. He suggested that the left-turn restriction be limited to times when traffic was heavy. He recommended limiting the restriction to the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Joe Smith moved to install "No Left Turn from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. everyday" signage on Mathews Avenue at Springfield Avenue.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

**Item #7 - Discussion of the installation of a stop sign for southbound traffic on Sunny Lane at Washington Street.**

Joe Smith stated that the new subdivision, Sunny Acres, was being developed on Washington Street and connected by Sunny Lane. He said that since Sunny Lane was a residential street connecting to an arterial street, right-of-way needed to be established.

Joe Smith moved to install a stop sign for southbound traffic on Sunny Lane at Washington Street.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Chief Adair discussed the February and March STEP reports (see attached). He added the STEP enforcement would continue through the next two months. He said that he had received several noise complaints on Lincoln Avenue and that STEP enforcement would include enforcement of the noise ordinance as part of its detail.

Meeting adjourned 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Stiehl  
Recording Secretary