

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
Tuesday, December 4, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Roberts, City Council Member  
Mike Bily, Chief of Police  
Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tim Boisseau, Prairie Winds of Urbana

The meeting began at 4:01 p.m.

**Additions to the agenda:**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Joe Smith moved to approve the minutes as read. Mike Bily seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the November 2007 meeting.

**Old Business**

**Item #1- Discussion of installation of a crosswalk on Main Street at McCullough Street.**

Joe Smith discussed the results of a pedestrian count conducted near Canaan Academy. He stated that 16 pedestrians crossed on the day of the count, which would meet the criteria (more than 10 pedestrians within an hour; more than 20 pedestrians within an hour if not within a school zone) for installing a crosswalk at an intersection. Mr. Smith mentioned that the design of the intersection created a problem since the north leg of McCullough Street was offset from the south leg of McCullough Street. He also noted that the area where the students from Canaan Academy crossed was not accessible as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. He added that staff did not want to endorse pedestrian crossings at that leg of the intersection. Mr. Smith recommended that a pedestrian crossing be installed at the northeast corner of Main Street and McCullough Street to the south side of Main Street. He said that the installation would require the construction of ramps on both sides of the crosswalk that would occur during the summer. He felt that the location of the crosswalk would be better since it would appear within the school zone speed limit signage.

Dennis Roberts suggested that the improvement might be funded by the Safe Routes to School program.

Mike Bily wanted to make sure that the school used the crosswalk when crossing Main Street.

Dennis Roberts felt that the location would be appropriate since it was located within the school zone.

Joe Smith moved to relocate the school zone signage to the west of the south leg of McCullough Street for eastbound traffic and to install handicapped accessible ramps at the northwest corner of McCullough Street and Main Street and on Main Street directly south of the ramp on McCullough Street and Main Street.

Mike Bily seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item does not require Council action.

The Commission directed staff to inform Canaan Academy of its decision.

### **New Business**

#### **Item #2- Discussion of parking restrictions on Prairie Winds Drive.**

Joe Smith stated that vehicles were parked near the U-circle drive to the Prairie Winds Supportive Living facility, which was creating problems for ambulances and other emergency vehicles accessing the facility.

Mr. Boisseau explained that visitors to the facility and to homes across the street from the facility parked on Prairie Winds Drive and narrowed traffic flow to one lane.

Mr. Smith stated that the street could not accommodate parking on both sides. He recommended that parking be eliminated on one side of the street. From his observations, he suggested that parking be removed on the west side of the street.

Joe Smith moved to install parking restrictions on the west side of Prairie Winds Drive from Colorado Avenue to 1913 Prairie Winds Drive.

Mike Bily seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

#### **Item #3- Discussion of next meeting date.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Urbana Traffic Commission would be Tuesday, January 1, 2008. Since City offices would be closed on that day and there were no pending items for the Traffic Commission to discuss, the Urbana Traffic Commission meeting was cancelled for January.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held February 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Stiehl  
Recording Secretary