

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 7, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

The meeting began at 4:07 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mike Bily moved to approve the minutes as read. Joe Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the March 2009 meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Item #1- Discussion of the removal of the school speed zone on Vine Street at Oregon Street.

Joe Smith mentioned that the City of Urbana received grant money to install new school zone signage to conform to the standards established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). He stated that the MUTCD standards do not allow school speed zones in areas that are not adjacent to school property. Mr. Smith said that the intersection of Vine Street and Oregon Street was not adjacent to school property so it could not be signed as a school speed zone. He added that the intersection used to be controlled with temporary stop signs, which were eventually banned as a means for safely controlling traffic at intersections. After that method of traffic control was eliminated, the City installed flashing yellow lights and the school speed zone. He continued by saying that the school speed zone was no longer appropriate signage, but that the yellow flashing signals to alert motorists would remain.

Dennis Roberts asked if the crosswalk would still be marked.

Mr. Smith said that the crosswalk would remain.

Joe Smith moved to remove the school speed zone signs on both sides of Vine Street at Oregon Street to conform to the standards established in the MUTCD.

Mike Bily seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item does not require Council action.

Item #2- Discussion of parking restrictions on Colorado Avenue between Philo Road and Stone Creek Boulevard.

Joe Smith stated that parking restrictions were included as part of the development agreement for Colorado Avenue to extend east of Philo Road. He said that the street narrowed to 30 feet east of Prairie Winds Drive and could accommodate parking on one side. He felt that parking on the north side would best serve those residents with homes facing Colorado Avenue.

Joe Smith moved to restrict parking on both sides of Colorado Avenue between Philo Road and Prairie Winds Drive and on the south side of Colorado Avenue between Prairie Winds Drive and Stone Creek Boulevard.

Dennis Roberts seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held May 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary