

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 10, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Milton Otto, City Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawn Crowley, Traffic Enforcement Supervisor
Treva Callahan, 608 South Cottage Grove Avenue
Fred Wisniewski, 608 South Cottage Grove Avenue
Gerald Meeks, 600 North Coler Avenue

The meeting began at 4:10 p.m.

Joe Smith assumed the chair.

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 July 2004.

Item #1 - Discussion of the installation of a crosswalk on Coler Avenue from Manor Care to the parking lot.

Gerald Meeks discussed his concern about pedestrian traffic crossing from Manor Care to the parking lot across the street and to the Carle parking lot. He said approximately 120 people cross the street per day. Mr. Meeks requested an access ramp in front of Manor Care.

Joe Smith stated that if Manor Care wanted an access ramp, they would have to pay for it. He suggested that Mr. Meeks contact the Public Works Department for more information. Mr. Smith stated that the intersection at Coler Avenue and Park Street was designed with a four-way stop to encourage pedestrians to cross at that point.

Mr. Meeks doesn't believe that anyone had been hit crossing the street.

Joe Smith stated that the number of pedestrians would not warrant a crosswalk at that mid-block location.

Mr. Smith recommended that no crosswalk be installed at this mid-block location.

Item #2 - Discussion of speeding vehicles in the alley behind 608 South Cottage Grove Avenue.

Treva Callahan discussed her concerns about vehicles speeding down the alley located behind 608 South Cottage Grove Avenue. She added that a cab company was running a business out of the home next door. Ms. Callahan said that she had placed a sign on her property requesting that vehicles slow down, but that the motorists didn't pay attention to it. She requested the installation of a "Children At Play" sign in the alley.

Joe Smith stated that the City does not install "Children At Play" signs since every residential street would qualify for the sign and motorists would ignore the signs because they were commonplace.

Fred Wisniewski stated that he had lived there for many years. He felt that the cab company next door had created a problem since the drivers travel in the alley 12-14 hours daily. He added that the neighbor had asphalted the entire backyard to accommodate the vehicles. Mr. Wisniewski stated that since his home is located on the corner, the traffic from the cab company next-door speeds out of the alley past his home to access the street.

Shawn Crowley stated that Community Development could call the owner of the cab company to ask the owner to discuss this with the drivers since the owner would be responsible for the employees.

Eddie Adair asked when the problem was most noticeable.

Ms. Callahan stated that the speeding occurred at all hours of the day.

Joe Smith stated that Illinois Statutes set the speed limit in alleys at 15 miles per hour. He said that he would check on that limit to be sure.

Eddie Adair stated that the Police Department would check the vehicle speeds in that area.

Mr. Wisniewski said that he didn't want to ruin the business for his neighbor, but they receive the brunt of the speeding traffic from the business.

Eddie Adair stated that he would conduct a speed study and would ask Community Development to check with owner of the cab company to ask for the owner's cooperation.

This item will be discussed at the September Traffic Commission meeting.

Item #3 - Discussion of the installation of a stop sign for eastbound traffic on Saline Court at Lincoln Avenue.

Joe Smith moved that a stop sign be installed for eastbound traffic on Saline Court at Lincoln Avenue since Saline Court is a less important road connecting with a main road, which warrants a stop sign based upon the criteria outlined in the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion carried 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #4 - Discussion of the installation of a stop sign for northbound traffic on Smith Road at Florida Avenue.

Joe Smith moved to install a stop sign for northbound traffic on Smith Road at Florida Avenue since Smith Road is a less important road connecting with a main road, which warrants a stop sign based upon the criteria outlined in the MUTCD.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion carried 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #5 - Discussion of the installation of a stop sign for southbound traffic on Smith Road at Stone Creek Boulevard.

Joe Smith moved to install a stop sign for northbound traffic on Smith Road at Stone Creek Boulevard since Smith Road is a less important road connecting with a main road, which warrants a stop sign based upon the criteria outlined in the MUTCD.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion carried 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Eddie Adair discussed the results of the STEP enforcement conducted during July.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. Urbana City Building,
Second Floor Conference Room, 400 South Vine, Urbana.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary

URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF ADAIR
FROM: SGT. JACOBSEN
SUBJECT: JULY 2004 STEP
DATE: 8/19/2004
CC: BARB STHIEL

BRADLEY AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/05/04	1700-1900	11-601B	50 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	49 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		1-601B	54 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/26/04	0700-0900	11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

FLORIDA AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/15/04	1300-1500	11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		6-303	SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE

Florida (Con't)

07/21/04	0700-0900	11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

KINCH STREET

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/14/04	0700-0900	11-601B	37 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	38 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	39 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	39 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	38 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

07/22/04	1500-1700	NONE REPORTED	
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LANTERN HILL

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/06/04	1500-1700	NONE REPORTED	
07/19/04	0730-0930	NONE REPORTED	
07/22/04	1630-1730	NONE REPORTED	

LINCOLN AVENUE

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/07/04	0700-0900	11-601B	48 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 30 MPOH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/16/04	1100-1300	11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	50 MPH IN 35 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/20/04	1500-1700	11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	45 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	44 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
07/28/04	1500-1700	11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	42 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-1204	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN
		11-1204	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN

RACE STREET

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/08/04	1100-1300	11-601B	47 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		12-603	NO SEAT BELT
		12-603	NO SEAT BELT
07/19/04	0700-0900	11-601B	39 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	43 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	40 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

WASHINGTON STREET

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/13/04	1300-1500	11-601B	41 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	46 MPH IN 30 MPH ZONE

WINDSOR ROAD

DATE	TIME	VIOLATION	DESCRIPTION
07/09/04	1100-1300	11-601B	52 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	49 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
07/24/04	1100-1300	11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	57 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE

Windsor road (con't)

07/3004	1100-1300	11-601B	51 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	56 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	56 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE
		11-601B	53 MPH IN 40 MPH ZONE