

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 4, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement
Libby Tyler, Director of Community Development
Darrel Foste, 409 West Main Street
Gary Olsen, 2307 Shurts Circle
Chuck Danner, 2303 Shurts Circle
Angela Marsh, 2306 Shurts Circle

Additions to the Agenda:

There were no additions:

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Eddie Adair moved to approve the minutes. Joe Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of January 2003.

Item #1 - Discussion of parking restrictions on McCullough Street by the Phillips Recreation Center.

Darrel Foste reported to the Commission his discussions with Libby Tyler regarding the use of millings from the Urbana Park District as a surface for a parking lot on his property.

Libby Tyler stated that the asphalt millings would be acceptable material. She added that Mr. Foste would need to meet the other requirements in the zoning ordinance.

Joe Smith said that the asphalt millings from the Urbana Park District would be dust-free material that would provide an acceptable surface for the parking lot.

Mr. Foste stated that he would arrange a meeting with Ms. Tyler to discuss what other steps were needed to construct his parking lot.

Joe Smith recommended that this item be removed from the agenda.

Item #2 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Shurts Circle.

This item was directed to the Traffic Commission after a resident voiced a concern about vehicles leaving ruts in an island at the center of Shurts Circle.

Joe Smith stated that the size of the island was too large to accommodate vehicles turning around Shurts Circle. He added that there were approximately ten of those islands constructed in south Urbana ten to fifteen years ago. Mr. Smith discussed a similar problem with an island in Scovill Circle. He said that the solution was to reduce the diameter of the island instead of eliminating parking around the circle.

Angela Marsh stated that they put landscaping rocks around the island hoping that the rocks would reduce ruts in the island.

Joe Smith explained that the island on Shurts Circle had a 40-foot diameter and current development codes required an island to be 20 feet. He added that he really didn't want to eliminate parking to allow vehicles more room to turn around the island.

Chuck Danner stated that vehicles drove through the island even when there were no vehicles parked around the circle. He said that he didn't think that the parked cars were causing the problem for vehicles turning around in the circle.

Gary Olsen said that he didn't believe that parking had been abused.

Joe Smith recommended forwarding a request to the Operations Division to pour a 3-foot apron around the northern part of the island at Shurts Circle to reduce the size of the island.

Angela Marsh asked who would remove the landscaping materials.

Joe Smith stated that Ms. Marsh would be notified two weeks prior to the installation of the concrete apron so she could remove the landscaping materials.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

Item #3- Discussion of STEP report.

Eddie Adair discussed the STEP reports for January. (See attached reports.)

Meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary