

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Hayes, Council Member, Ward 3
Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement
Scott Kunkel, JSM, 505 South 5th, Champaign
Renee N. Hough, 3205 Baronry Drive
Anita Fielder, 1509 Trails Drive

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of the minutes:

Eddie Adair moved to accept the minutes. Joe Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes from November 2004 as read.

Item #1 - Discussion of ordinance for parking near driveways.

This item was postponed until a future date.

Item #2 - Discussion of loading zone on the south side of Oregon Street, west of Gregory Place.

Scott Kunkel requested that the City establish a short-term commercial loading zone for the East Campus commercial project so delivery trucks could service the commercial area at Oregon and Gregory Place.

Shawn Crowley requested that the City restrict the loading zone to service vehicles and commercial vehicles only.

Mr. Kunkel suggested that a 30-minute zone would be adequate for loading and unloading in that area.

Joe Smith moved to establish a 30-minute commercial loading zone on Oregon Street from the west right-of-way line of Gregory Place to 50 feet west of the west right-of-way line of Gregory Place.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #3 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Rutherford Drive.

This item was postponed until plans for the construction of the Aldi store were known.

Item #4- Discussion of traffic concerns and installation of four-way stop signs on Trails Drive.

Renee Hough discussed concerns about speeding that were mentioned in a letter from the then-president of the Deerfield Trails Homeowners' Association, Karl Radnitzer. Ms. Hough stated that the intersection of Baronry Drive and Trails Drive was very busy with the school bus and MTD buses loading and unloading at that intersection. She expressed concern about motorists speeding through the neighborhood and requested a four-way stop at that intersection.

Joe Smith stated that the City recently installed 30 mph signage in the neighborhood to clarify the speed limit. He added that the City does not install stop signs as a method for slowing motorists.

Since weather could potentially skew the results of a traffic study, Mr. Smith recommended that this item be placed on the April Traffic Commission agenda to allow the City an opportunity to prepare a full traffic study to determine if a four-way stop would be warranted. He requested the installation of the speed trailer prior to the study to encourage motorists to obey the speed limit.

Eddie Adair asked if the motorists who were speeding were from the neighborhood.

Ms. Hough stated that the motorists who were speeding were from the neighborhood to the east.

Anita Fielder stated that most of the speeding occurred in the early morning between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Ms. Hough will receive an invitation to the April Traffic Commission when the study will be discussed.

Item #5- Discussion of adding Goodwin Avenue to the University District 25 miles per hour speed limit area.

Joe Smith stated that the University District signage had been installed on Goodwin Avenue a long time ago, but the street was inadvertently omitted from the list of streets included in the University District when the agreement was approved.

Joe Smith moved to add Goodwin Avenue to the University District 25 miles per hour speed limit area.

Eddie Adair seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go the Council for consideration.

Chief Adair presented the November STEP enforcement reports to the Traffic Commission (see attached).

Meeting adjourned 4:20 p.m.

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary