

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Gray, Public Works Director for Joe Smith
Shawn Crowley, Parking Enforcement for Eddie Adair

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Woythal, 1901 B East Amber Lane
Verne Kroes, 2003 A East Amber Lane
Jan Adams, 1901 A East Amber Lane
George Walker, 1814 B Lydia Court
Patty Walker, 1814 B Lydia Court

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May 2005 meeting were unavailable at the time of the meeting. They will be discussed at the next Traffic Commission meeting.

Item #1 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Stone Creek Boulevard between High Cross Road and Stricker Lane.

Bill Gray discussed the plans for the bicycle path on Stone Creek Boulevard between High Cross Road and Stricker Lane. He explained that the bicycle path would run along both sides of Stone Creek Boulevard making the parking restriction necessary to protect those using the bicycle path.

Mr. Gray added that there would be little impact to residents living near that stretch of Stone Creek Boulevard since the homes on the south side back onto Stone Creek Boulevard and the properties on the north would not have primary access to Stone Creek Boulevard.

Bill Gray moved to restrict parking on both sides of Stone Creek Boulevard between High Cross Road and Stricker Lane.

Shawn Crowley seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #2 - Discussion of parking restrictions on Amber Lane, east of Myra Ridge Drive.

Bill Gray discussed staff concerns about vehicles parking on both sides of Amber Lane, east of Myra Ridge Drive. He noted that the parked vehicles restricted two-way traffic movement along Amber Lane. Mr. Gray mentioned that parking was not allowed on the south side due to the pavement width and the need for the Post Office to access mailboxes on that side of the street.

Mr. Woythal stated that the Post Office was concerned about parking in front of the mailboxes and that he had heard about residents receiving notices when carriers were unable to deliver the mail.

Mr. Kroes stated that the residents were not the people parking illegally on the south side. He stated that some delivery trucks park on the south side.

Ms. Adams expressed concern about motorists speeding on Amber Lane.

Mr. Gray stated that in the future Colorado Avenue would be connected to Stone Creek Boulevard, resulting in fewer vehicles using Amber Lane as a connection to the Stone Creek Subdivision.

Ms. Crowley suggested that STEP enforcement could be scheduled along the street to make motorists aware of the speed limit. She asked Ms. Adams when motorists appeared to be speeding.

Ms. Adams stated that the mornings were the worst.

Mr. Kroes said that he didn't think that the residents of the apartment complexes were speeding. He felt that the speeding occurred when others visited the Stone Creek Subdivision and used Amber Lane to access the area.

Bill Gray recommended that the parking restrictions remain the same but that Parking Enforcement would look at parking violations on Amber Lane.

Shawn Crowley said that she would look at the parking situation and see if more parking signs were needed.

Item #3 - Discussion of the installation of "No Outlet" signage on Lydia Court at Myra Ridge Drive.

George Walker discussed his concern about motorists turning onto Lydia Court expecting it to be a through street. He stated that the condo group on Lydia Court asked him to find out if a "No Outlet" sign could be installed.

Patty Walker stated that many people traveled down Lydia Court thinking that it was a through street.

Bill Gray moved to install a "No Outlet" sign on Lydia Court, east of Myra Ridge Drive.

Shawn Crowley seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-0.

This item does not require Council action.

Eddie Adair presented the May 2005 STEP reports to the Traffic Commission. (See attached.)

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be held July 12, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary