

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 2, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

The meeting began at 4:02 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Joe Smith moved to approve the minutes as read. Mike Bily seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the November 2008 meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Item #1- Discussion of parking restrictions on Boyden Street.

Joe Smith explained that the business owner at 1009 Boyden Street was concerned about motorists parking on Boyden Street during the lunch hour to go to El Toro Restaurant. He added that the street was 18 feet wide making the street inaccessible when vehicles were parked on the street. Mr. Smith suggested that parking be restricted on that street.

Dennis Roberts asked if the business owner used the street.

Joe Smith stated that he used the street for access only.

Joe Smith moved to restrict parking on both sides of Boyden Street from the centerline of Oakland Avenue to 200 feet south of the centerline of Oakland Avenue.

Dennis Roberts asked if El Toro had adequate parking. He asked if parking would be for all hours.

Mike Bily stated that they had parking on their site.

Joe Smith amended the motion to include the parking restrictions for all hours.

Mike Bily seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #2- Discussion of parking restrictions on Lynn Street at High Street.

Joe Smith explained a concern safety and visibility resulting from a car parked in front of the residence at 308 South Lynn Street. Mr. Smith said that the parked vehicle did not create a safety or visibility problem. He added that there was 60 feet of yellow curbing in front of the residence at 310 because High Street intersected the street at that location, but he continued by saying that there was no reason for restricting parking beyond the current restriction. He stated that the curb was marked as it should be marked.

The Traffic Commissioners asked that letter be sent to Mr. Ball and Ms. Anderson to let them know of the Traffic Commission's decision.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

There will be no meeting for January 2009.

The next meeting will be held February 3, 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