

URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 7, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Roberts, City Council Member
Pat Connolly, Chief of Police
Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

George Keck, 102 East Oregon Street
John Collins, Operations Supervisor

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

It was noted that the location of the meeting was listed as 706 South Glover Avenue. The Recording Secretary contacted the Urbana Public Works Department to let them know to direct attendees to 400 South Vine Street.

Approval of Minutes:

Pat Connolly moved to approve the minutes as read. Joe Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting.

Unfinished Business

Item #1- Discussion of speeding on Broadway Avenue near Urbana High School.

Joe Smith discussed the results of the speed study conducted on Broadway Avenue between Washington Street and California Street on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 in the morning and on Friday, February 3, 2012 in the afternoon. Mr. Smith stated that peak traffic time was between 3:15 p.m. and 3:35 p.m. and that the weather conditions were good for both days of the study. He said that the average speed for the morning traffic was 25 miles per hour; the average for the afternoon was 25.89 miles per hour. He noted that the median speed was 25.44 m.p.h in the morning and 25.7 m.p.h. in the afternoon. In addition, he said that the 85% travelled below 29.29 miles per hour in the morning and below 30.88 miles per hour in the afternoon. He concluded that the results of the study showed no significant problem with speeding.

George Keck said that he tested what the capability of his vehicle would be on Broadway Avenue. He said that his vehicle was capable of reaching 70 miles per hour on that stretch.

Joe Smith said that the crossing guard located on Broadway Avenue at Oregon Street impacted speeds of motorists on Broadway Avenue by slowing vehicles down.

Mr. Keck was concerned about pedestrians walking in the street and about students littering on Broadway Avenue.

Barb Stiehl said that she noted 10 pedestrians walking in the street when she conducted the study in the morning of December 14th and that almost half were walking away from the school.

Joe Smith said that he did not note any pedestrians walking in the street on February 3rd.

Dennis Roberts said that he had attended the follow-up meeting at the high school. He added that the school district installed additional trash cans along Broadway Avenue between Washington Street and California Avenue and that the principal addressed the problems with the students. Mr. Roberts stated that the students seemed to understand that the behavior was not appropriate and that he hoped the meetings with students made a difference.

Pat Connolly said that the Police Department would do occasional enforcement around the school.

Dennis Roberts recommended that the Traffic Commission take no further action. He mentioned that another meeting was scheduled at the high school for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2012 to discuss the issues with students.

Item #2- Discussion of parking on Harvey Street at King Park.

Barb Stiehl talked to the resident on North Harvey Street regarding the resident's concerns about visitors to King Park blocking her driveway while attending park functions. The resident stated that early in the summer the Police Department issued tickets to motorists who illegally parked in front of her driveway and the problem went away.

Joe Smith said that Tim Bartlett from the Urbana Park District and he met to discuss different proposals for moving the parking facilities into the park, but that they could not reach a solution that met with the master plan for King Park.

John Collins said that the signage was changed to remove the time restriction on the loading zone, which helped the Police Department with enforcement.

Pat Connolly encouraged the resident to contact the Police Department if the problem began this year.

New Business

Item #3- Discussion of removal of the loading zone on the south side of Oregon Street, west of Gregory Place.

John Collins stated that due to the lack of usage, the meters located in the loading zone were changed from 30 minute meters to two hour meters.

Barb Stiehl mentioned that she had contacted Jill Guth at JSM Management to ask if the company has any objections to removing the loading zone. Ms. Guth said that most of the vehicles parked in the street to unload so the removal would not impact their tenants.

John Collins said that he believed that the loading zone was originally installed for a restaurant that had since left that location.

Joe Smith moved to remove the loading zone located on the south side of Oregon Street, west of Gregory Place.

Dennis Roberts seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0. This item will go to Council for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held March 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary

Broadway Avenue between Washington Street and Illinois Street
 Wednesday, December 14 AM and Friday, February 3, 2012 PM
 Combined Study Data

Speed (MPH)	Time		Total xMPH	Cumul. Total
	7:15- 9:15 AM	2:30-3:45 PM		
14	N	S	2	28
15	NNN		3	45
16	NN	S	3	48
17	NSSS	NS	7	119
18	NNN	S	4	72
19	NSSS	NSS	8	152
20	NNNNSSS	NNNNS	13	260
21	NNNNNNSS	NSSS	13	273
22	NNNNNNSSSSS	NNNNSSS	21	462
23	NNNNNNNNSS	NNNNSSSS	22	506
24	NNNNNNNNSSSSS	NNNSSSS	24	576
25	NNNNNNNNSSSSSSS	NNNNSSSSS	28	700
26	NNNNNNNNSSSSSSSSS	NNNNNNSS	29	754
27	NNNNNNNNSSSSSSSSSSS	NNNSSSS	28	756
28	NNNNNNNNSSSSSSSSSSS	NSSSSSS	27	756
29	NNNNSSS	NNNNNNSS	16	464
30	NNSSSSSSS	NNNN	14	420
31	NNNNN	NNNNN	14	434
32	SSS	NNNNSS	9	288
33	NN	NSS	5	165
34		NS	2	68
35	S	S	2	70
36	S	N	2	72
37				296
38				296
39		N	1	39
Total Vehicles =			297	7527
Total xMPH =			25.34	Average
Upper Limit 10 MPH Pace			25.52	Median
Violation Rate			29.82	85th Percentile

N= Northbound, S= Southbound

31= Upper Limit 10 MPH Pace
 11.78%= Violation Rate

Broadway Avenue between Washington Street and Illinois Street
 Wednesday, December 14, 2011 (7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.)

Weather Conditions: Foggy Temperature: 46°

Speed (MPH)	Time											Total xMPH	Cumul. Total	
	7:15-7:22 AM	7:22-7:30 AM	7:30-8:00 AM	8:00-8:30 AM	8:30-8:45 AM	8:45-9:00 AM	9:00-9:15 AM	Total	xMPH	Total	Cumul. Total			
14		N										1	14	1
15		NN									N	3	45	4
16	N	N										2	32	6
17		SSNN			S							5	85	11
18	N	NN										3	54	14
19		SSNS	N									5	95	19
20	S	SN	NSNN	N								8	160	27
21	SSN	NNN	NN		N							9	189	36
22	SSNN	SNNSNN	NN		S							13	286	49
23	SN	NNSNNNN	N		N						N	12	276	61
24	SSN	SNNSSS	S	N							NN	15	360	76
25	SSNNN	SSNSNN	SN		NN						S	17	425	93
26	SSN	SNSSSNN	N	N	SNSNN						S	19	494	112
27	S	SSNNNNN	NSNN	N	NNNN							19	513	131
28	SNNNN	SNSSNN	N		NSNS						N	19	532	150
29		SNS	N	N	N						S	7	203	157
30		SSSS	SN		NSNS							10	300	167
31	N	SSN	NNS	N	N							9	279	176
32		S		S							S	3	96	179
33	N										N	2	66	181
34												0	0	181
35											S	1	35	182
36					S							1	36	183
37														
38														
39														
												183	4575	25.00 = Average

N= Northbound, S= Southbound

30= Upper Limit 10 MPH Pace
 8.74%= Violation Rate
 25.44 = Median
 29.29 = 85th Percentile

Broadway Avenue between Washington Street and Illinois Street

Friday, February 3, 2012 (2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.)

Weather Conditions: Mostly Sunny Temperature 50

Speed (MPH)	Time													Total xMPH	Cumul. Total
	2:30-2:45 PM	2:45-3:00 PM	3:00-3:10 PM	3:10-3:20 PM	3:20-3:30 PM	3:30-3:45 PM	3:45-4:00 PM	Total							
14		S											1	14	1
15													0	0	1
16			S										1	16	2
17		S		N									2	34	4
18			S										1	18	5
19			S	S				N					3	57	8
20			SN	N				N					5	100	13
21				SN				S					4	84	17
22	S		NS	NS				NN					8	176	25
23	N		N	SS				NNS					10	230	35
24	S		S	SSN				N					9	216	44
25	N		SS	NNS				NN					11	275	55
26	N		SN	NNN				NN					10	260	65
27	NS		NS	SSN				S					9	243	74
28		S	S	SS				SN					8	224	82
29	S		S	SN				NN					9	261	91
30		N		N				N					4	120	95
31	N			N				NN					5	155	100
32	NS		S	N				NN					6	192	106
33	S			N				S					3	99	109
34	N		S										2	68	111
35				S									1	35	112
36				N									1	36	113
37															113
38															113
39				N									1	39	114

Total Vehicles = 114 2952 = Average
 31 = Upper Limit 10 MPH Pace 25.70 = Median
 16.67% = Violation Rate 30.88 = 85th Percentile

N= Northbound, S= Southbound