



APPROVED JULY 5, 2022

DATE:	Tuesday, June 7, 2022
TIME:	12:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Urbana Public Works Department, 706 South Glover Avenue

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chaundra Bishop, Chair, Council Member, Ward 5
- Richard Surles, Chief of Police
- John Zeman, City Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Joe Smith
- Ilene Silverman
- William Goldstein
- Bill Brown

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 12:30 p.m. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes:

John Zeman moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting. Chaundra Bishop seconded the motion.

The minutes for the May 3, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Input

Bill Brown stated that as chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC), he was relaying BPAC’s concern about the fatality that occurred at Vine Street and Water Street. He recommended restricting left turns from Water Street to Vine Street.

He also added that the use of solar speed limit signage that recorded and showed motorists’ speeds would be helpful on Broadway Avenue.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of one-way traffic for eastbound traffic on Goose Alley between Race Street and Broadway Avenue.

John Zeman said that there were some concerns brought to his attention about the signage installed for the temporary closure of Parking Lot #2. He said that temporary parking lot closure would end on August 11, 2022, and the lease agreement with the Rose Bowl Tavern would end in October. To better communicate the temporary traffic flow on Goose Alley, John Zeman recommended moving the one-

1 way signage currently located near Broadway Avenue to a location farther west beyond access from
2 Parking Lot #2 to Goose Alley.

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4 John Zeman stated that moving the signage would not require Council action. He said that he would
5 move the signage and determine if any additional signage would be necessary.

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7 Rich Surles said that the Police Department could address enforcement concerns, such as illegal parking
8 and violation of the one-way traffic designation.

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10 Ilene Silverman expressed her concerns about access to parking behind her business. Both she and
11 William Goldstein asked that adjacent businesses be included in discussions about traffic flow if the
12 leasing of the parking lot was considered for next year.

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14 Rich Surles said that it would be helpful if the businesses were notified about the temporary changes.

15 16 **5. New Business**

17 John Zeman mentioned that the Engineering Division typically looked at a previously mentioned traffic
18 concern once within a five-year period unless some significant change had occurred at the intersection.
19 Changes would be an increase in traffic accidents, building of a traffic generator nearby, or changes in
20 the infrastructure configuration. He added that the items of concern listed below were items that were
21 cited in applications for the Equity and Quality of Life Project sponsored by the Executive Division.

22 **A. Discussion of installing speed limit signs on Broadway Avenue between** 23 **University Avenue and Country Club Road.**

24 John Zeman noted that there were no speed limit signs for traffic travelling on Broadway Avenue
25 between University Avenue and Country Club Road. He recommended the installation of speed limit
26 signage since the street was a collector street. He also suggested that this location would be a good
27 location for a speed study.

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29 Joe Smith recommended that the area for posting signs be confined to Park Street and Country Club
30 Road since traffic speeds would not be high between University Avenue and Park Street.

31 32 **B. Discussion of recent crash statistics at various locations with safety concerns** 33 **from the public:**

34 **1. Intersection of Vine Street and Water Street.**

35 Rich Surles mentioned that there were pedestrians crossing unsafely on Water Street at Vine Street.

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37 John Zeman recommended that an engineering study of the intersection as an option.

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39 Some suggested treatments were provided, such as removing the left turn lane and installing a
40 pedestrian refuge area where the left turn lane currently exists; converting Water Street to a one-way
41 street for westbound traffic; and eliminating left turns at the intersection.

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43 Joe Smith said that it would be helpful to conduct a study to know the left turn volume and the number
44 of pedestrian crossings at the intersection.

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47 Due to time constraints, the Urbana Traffic Commission moved the remaining items to be discussed at
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2. **Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on Main Street between Race Street and Broadway Avenue.**
 3. **Intersection of Cottage Grove Avenue and Oregon Street.**
 4. **Intersection of Fairlawn Drive and Cottage Grove Avenue.**
 5. **Intersection of Kerr Avenue and Division Street.**

C. Discussion of locations identified for speed study:

1. **Kerr Avenue between Broadway Avenue and Cunningham Avenue.**
2. **Cottage Grove Avenue at Fairlawn Drive.**
3. **Anderson Street between Washington Street and Florida Avenue.**
4. **Glover Avenue between Illinois Street and Green Street.**

6. Adjournment

With no other business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next scheduled Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at the Urbana Public Works Department, 706 South Glover Avenue, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl, Recording Secretary