

Approved December 1, 2021

DATE: Wednesday, October 6, 2021
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
PLACE: Urbana Public Works Department, 706 South Glover Avenue

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chaundra Bishop, Chair, Council Member, Ward 5
Shannon Beranek, Civil Engineer II
Richard Surles, Deputy Chief of Police

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Brown

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 4:03 p.m. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Shannon Beranek moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting. Richard Surles seconded the motion.

The minutes for the September 1, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote.
Bishop – Aye; Beranek – Aye; Surles – Aye

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Input

There was no public input given at the meeting.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of an update on Parking for 200 South Vine Street.

Chaundra Bishop reviewed the result of a discussion with Jim Webster regarding the rental or leasing of the Lincoln Square parking lot for overflow parking for residents at 200 South Vine Street complex. Ms. Bishop stated that any changes to parking would require an amendment to the agreement Mr. Webster had with the City of Urbana for use of the parking lot.

Richard Surles expressed concern about increasing the number of pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Green Street and Vine Street. He said that the option of neighborhood parking had been discussed. Of the two options, he thought parking in the neighborhood would be safest.

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2 Shannon Beranek said on-street parking in the neighborhood east of Vine Street was an option that
3 could be reviewed. She recommended exploring the option of removing the two-hour parking
4 restrictions on Elm Street to accommodate parking for residents of 200 South Vine Street. She said she
5 would study it and bring it back to the Commission.
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7 Chaundra Bishop agreed that the option of removing the two-hour parking restriction could open on-
8 street parking. She suggested removing the restriction to see what would happen.
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10 **5. New Business**

11 **A. Discussion of speeding on Illinois Street near Birch Street.**

12 Shannon Beranek reviewed the results of data collected from a speed trailer that was set up on Illinois
13 Street near Birch Street. She reported that a stop sign was not warranted for eastbound traffic on
14 Illinois Street. She indicated that stop signs were installed to indicate right-of-way, not to slow traffic.
15 She mentioned that 90% of the vehicles were travelling 30 miles per hour or less; 99% were travelling
16 35 miles per hour or less. With only one vehicle out at 15,000 travelling an excessive speed, there was
17 no evidence of a speeding problem. She indicated that the area might be a location for future traffic
18 calming methods.
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20 Richard Surles stated that Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) assignments were made in
21 areas to reduce crashes. He noted that this location would not qualify for STEP enforcement. He
22 suggested installing the speed trailer periodically might help reduce the number of speeding vehicles.
23 Since the City only has one speed trailer, he recommended looking at the purchase of an additional
24 trailer to place in areas where motorist might be speeding.
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26 Shannon Beranek said there might money available to purchase another trailer.
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28 Chaundra Bishop thought the speed trailer would be a proactive way to remind people about their
29 speed.
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31 The Recording Secretary was asked to contact the person who brought this item to the Traffic
32 Commission's attention and let her know the results from the speed trailer.
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34 **6. Adjournment**

35 With no other business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.
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37 The next scheduled Traffic Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at
38 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana Public Works Department, 706 Glover Avenue, second floor conference room.
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40 Respectfully submitted,
41 Barbara Stiehl, Recording Secretary