



MINUTES  
Traffic Engineering Committee  
Tuesday, August 5, 2014

PRESENT: Michael Waldron  
Laura Klauer  
Tim DeVrieze  
Shawn Christ  
Greg Dekeyser

OTHERS: Larry Gross

STAFF: Andrea Peterson

Michael Waldron called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. **Approval of minutes of the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of July 1, 2014.** Motion to approve minutes by Christ, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Request to prohibit parking on the south side of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Street, and permit parking on the north side of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Street.** Larry Gross attended on behalf of this request. Mr. Gross spoke of his concern for the safety of residents who have driveways on the south side of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Gross stated that large trucks often drive onto 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 45<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that a line of site issues occurs for residents with driveways on the south side. Mr. Gross suggested that we permit parking on the north side of the street and prohibit parking on the south side. Waldron stated that permitting parking on the north side of the street and prohibiting parking on the south side would only flip the problem onto residents with driveways on the north side. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Request to change fifteen-minute parking to two-hour parking on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, east side, in front of 524 15<sup>th</sup> Street.** Waldron stated that clients of 524 15<sup>th</sup> Street can park at two nearby locations. Parking is available in Public Parking Lot S as well as on the street near the 600 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Klauer stated that the parking spaces in question look as though they would only be utilized by 524 15<sup>th</sup> Street and changing this to two-hour parking would not be an issue for businesses nearby. DeVrieze suggested that we table this request and speak with our Parking Services Technician. Motion to table by Waldron, seconded by Dekeyser. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Request to replace the yield sign with a stop sign on the corner of 46<sup>th</sup> Street and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.** Committee members began with a motion to enter this request into a discussion. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Klauer. Klauer stated that she had a difficult time with line of site while entering 26<sup>th</sup> Street from 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Waldron agreed with this statement and added that the large tree located at this intersection caused most of the line of site issues he had. DeVrieze reminded the Committee that changing the yield sign to a stop sign would not change the visibility of the intersection. Waldron stated he would speak with our Parks Department and have the tree trimmed. Motion carried with the following votes: Waldron, Christ, DeVrieze, and Dekeyser. Nays: Klauer
5. **Request to make 13th Street a one-way, northbound, between 11th and 12th Avenue.** Dekeyser stated that 13<sup>th</sup> Street is a difficult road for the Fire Department to drive due to the width of the street. Klauer suggested we survey residents living near this location to see what they suggest. Motion to table request until survey is conducted by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Request to make the intersection at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street a four-way stop rather than a two-way stop.** Waldron reminded Committee that we do not place stop signs to prevent speeding. Waldron also stated that traffic was minimal when he investigated this route. Klauer agreed and stated that she did not see any other vehicles while she was at this intersection. Christ noticed a decent incline on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street which would cause a problem with traffic traveling on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, south bound, in the winter. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Request for a "no parking from here to corner" sign on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, roughly one car length to the east of the entrance to the parking lot located at 1619 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** DeVrieze agreed that the width of the approach at 1619 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue was narrow. Christ stated that it would be easier for the resident to exit their driveway if the resident made his approach larger. Christ also informed the Committee that the resident has a second exit from their driveway they can utilize onto the alley. Committee members collectively agreed that they did not see an issue here. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

**Request to remove handicap sign at 2508 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue B.** Resident who requested handicap sign has moved from property. Current owner does not need a handicap parking space. Waldron informed DeVrieze that sign could be removed and a motion did not need to take place.

Motion to adjourn by Waldron, seconded by Dekeyser. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson  
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering