

MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, September 2, 2014



PRESENT: Michael Waldron
Scott Hinton
Tim DeVrieze
Shawn Christ
Todd Allen

OTHERS: Scott Raes

STAFF: Andrea Peterson

Scott Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. **Approval of minutes of the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of August 5, 2014.** Motion to approve minutes by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Request to replace fifteen-minute parking with two-hour parking on 15th Street, east side, adjacent to 524 15th Street.** Mayor Raes requested that the parking spots adjacent to 524 15th Street be leased to The Child Abuse Council. Waldron stated that we do not lease on-street parking. Waldron stated that it seems as though The Child Abuse Council would be the only business who would utilize these parking spots. Motion to accept request by Waldron, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Request to make 13th Street a one-way, northbound, between 12th and 11th Avenue.** Committee sent a questionnaire to residents who regularly drive this location. Committee received four returned surveys out of the sixteen that were mailed. Two surveys requested that no change be made and two surveys requested that said section of 13th Street be changed to a one-way. One survey requested that 13th Street, between 11th and 7th Avenue be changed to allow two-way traffic and another survey requested that parking be prohibited on the east side of 13th Street at 12th Avenue. DeVrieze questioned why 13th street, between 11th and 7th Avenue, was a one-way. Christ stated that this is because drivers have a difficult time seeing vehicles pull out of 11th Avenue onto 13th Street when driving southbound on 13th Street. He also stated that he can see that it would be difficult driving southbound and entering 12th Avenue when cars are parked near the corner of 12th Avenue and 13th Street. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to install a no parking sign on the east side of 13th Street one car length from the intersection of 12th Avenue by Christ, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Request to restrict overweight vehicles from driving on brick roads within the City of Moline.** Committee members quickly agreed that this would not be a feasible request. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Request to place a "no parking from here to corner" sign on 44th Avenue, north side, from 48th Street.** DeVrieze stated that he hasn't heard of any reported issues here. Committee did notice a missing "no parking from here to corner" sign on the opposite side of the avenue and requested that Peterson inform the Streets Department of the missing sign. Hinton felt that installing this missing sign would help alleviate the issues here. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Request to place a "no parking from here to corner" sign on 41st Street, east side, at the intersection of 4th Avenue.** Christ stated that he felt that the road was very narrow. Waldron agreed that there was an issue here with drivers who park very close to the intersection. Hinton questioned whether parking should be permitted on the rest of 41st Street, between 5th and 4th Avenue. Committee members decided that this was just an issue when cars were parked near the intersection of 41st Street and 4th Avenue. Motion to install a "no parking from here to corner sign" on the east side of 41st Street, 50 ft from the intersection by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Request to install traffic signals at 34th Street and 12th Avenue.** Hinton stated he can see why this request was made due to the amount of traffic heading east and west during rush hours. Allen stated that adding a light would only cause more issues. If you are heading either east or west on 12th Avenue you must drive over a hill to get to 34th Street. Drivers will have difficult time detecting vehicles stopped at a traffic light when driving over these hills. Allen stated rear end collisions would be prominent here if changed to a signaled intersection. DeVrieze agreed with the statement by Allen. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Request for a "merge ahead" sign on 60th Street, southbound, from John Deere Road.** Committee members agreed to install a "merge ahead" sign. Motion to install "merge ahead" sign by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Request to extend the aggregate shoulder along the east side of 48th Street, between 44th and 46th Avenues, and designate this as a parking area.** An asphalt shoulder on the west side of 48th Street was installed when 48th Street was reconstructed. Engineering did not have an asphalt shoulder installed on the east side of 48th Street when 48th Street was reconstructed. Hinton received a request that a shoulder be installed due to the amount of parking on the east side of 48th Street when school is in session. DeVrieze stated that the only people who use the shoulder are people dropping or picking up students who attend Butterworth Elementary School. Hinton stated that without the shoulder, the right-of-way will continue to get torn up. Motion to accept request and add additional rock for parking by Waldron, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Request for a handicap parking space at 403 43rd Street.** Hinton stated that he didn't see an issue here. The resident can easily access the house by using the garage and the resident has a sidewalk leading to their house from the garage. Waldron stated that it is clear with the ADA ramp in the front of the house that they are in need of a handicap parking space. Motion to approve request by Waldron, seconded by DeVrieze. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Waldron, Allen, and DeVrieze. Nays: Hinton and Christ.
11. **Request to place a "no parking from here to corner" sign on the south side of 6th Avenue, 20 feet east of the cross walk at 15th Street.** DeVrieze stated that customers of local business tend to park very close to the crosswalk at 6th Avenue and 15th Street. Buses often turn from 15th Street onto 6th Avenue and have a difficult time making the turn when vehicles are parked within 20 ft of the traffic signals. Hinton stated that this request is already in the Code of Ordinances and does not require a sign. This request can be enforced without a sign. DeVrieze stated that the sign will make drivers more aware of the parking rule. Motion to approve by Christ, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Waldron, DeVrieze, Christ, and Allen. Nays: Hinton.
12. **Request to review the "no parking from 6:00am to 5:00pm" signs located on the west side of 15th Street, between 25th and 27th Avenue.** Hinton asked Committee members if they knew why these signs were originally installed. Committee members did not know why they were installed and did not see a reason why they should stay installed. Motion to remove signs by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Request to observe the on-street parking near Zimmerman Honda east of Menards. Committee members discussed that the current parking situation doesn't seem to be causing a problem. Committee decided to monitor the situation until it becomes a problem.

DeVrieze publicly noted that this meeting would be his last meeting. He has taken a new position.

Motion to adjourn by Waldron, seconded by Hinton. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering