



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, October 7, 2014

PRESENT: Michael Waldron
Scott Hinton
Chris Pickens
Shawn Christ
Jim Versluis

OTHERS: Scott Raes
David Parker

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 September 2, 2014.** Motion to approve minutes by Waldron, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Request for a "no parking from here to corner" sign, on 11th Avenue, roughly one car length east of the entrance to the parking lot located at 1619 11th Avenue.** Original request was denied at Traffic Engineering in August 2014. Resident requested to attend the October meeting and appeal original decision. Committee members waited to discuss agenda item until the resident showed up to meeting. Resident did not attend meeting. Hinton stated that the road is wide enough for two-way traffic and parking on one side of the street. Christ stated that resident has an addition exit from driveway onto alley. Committee members agreed that and issue was not present here. Motion to deny request by Versluis, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Request for additional signage to prevent vehicles from parking on 3rd Street near 4538 3rd Street.** Business located near 4538 3rd Street requested additional signage to prevent large vehicles from parking on 3rd Street and causing any line of sight issues. Resident stated they would attend meeting and did not. Hinton stated that 3rd Street is at least 30ft wide. Waldron stated that he did not find an issue with line of sight with large vehicles parked up and down 3rd Street when he drove to investigate the issue. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Request to consider the installation of a crosswalk from the entrance of Williams, White, & Company (600 River Drive) to the parking lot located across the street, on the south side of River Drive.** Hinton asked for additional information pertaining to request such as how many people use the parking lot and whether 6th Street is a heavily traveled street. Motion to table request by Hinton, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Request for a residential handicap parking space at 152 5th Avenue.** Hinton stated that the front entrance of 152 5th Avenue has no signs of the need for ADA access. The front entrance is only accessible by steps. Pickens agreed with Scott Hinton. The only sign of ADA access is in back of property but with overgrowth of vegetation it would be hard to access even the back entrance. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Request for a "no parking from here to corner" sign, on the east side of 14th Street, to prevent cars from parking too close to the intersection of 19th Avenue.** Waldron stated that unless someone was parked on the catch basin he didn't find an issue with line of sight here. Pickens stated that this was a blanket ordinance that didn't require signage. Police can ticket here without a "no parking from here to corner" sign. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Request to consider the installation of a crosswalk on River Drive to allow the public to safely cross to the new Western Illinois Campus.** Hinton stated that many students are parking in free lot instead of the Western Illinois parking lot. Hinton passed out attachments of the crosswalk Western would like to install. Pickens questions what would happen to crosswalk signs in winter if installed. If installed, Pickens stated they would have to be removable so plows don't hit them. Hinton stated that the crosswalk would be installed similar to the crosswalk already located here. Waldron stated that he doesn't want to encourage students to park in the free public parking lot instead of using the University's parking lot. Raes stated that he thought the crosswalk on River Drive was only temporary. Pickens stated that traffic is very fast on River Drive and a crosswalk will give students a false sense of security. Hinton stated that he thinks the crosswalk would only accommodate students crossing there and make it safe for students and slow traffic on River Drive. Versluis asked about putting a dip in the road. Hinton stated that a dip would be very dangerous here. Motion to deny request by

Other:

Request by Mayor Raes to check the timing of the traffic light at 15th Street Place and 18th Avenue. Waldron asked Peterson to speak with our Traffic Specialist about the timing of this intersection.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering