

MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, April 7, 2015



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

OTHERS: Scott Raes
Michael Johnson
Rudolph Ramos

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 January 6, 2015.** Motion to approve minutes by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to install a “no parking from here to corner” sign on the north side of 6th Avenue, 30 ft west of 25th Street.** Rudolph Ramos spoke on behalf of agenda item number 2. Ramos stated that it is very difficult to see when cars are parked near the intersection of 6th Avenue and 25th Street. Ramos stated that vehicles tend to speed on 6th Avenue making it difficult to go south on 25th Street. Committee agreed that it is difficult to see at this intersection. Committee concluded that if a sign is approved for installation, the sign will be installed according to our ordinance. Our ordinance states that parking is prohibited within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway. Motion to approve the installation of a “no parking from here to corner” sign on the north side of 6th Avenue, 30 feet west of 25th Street by Waldron seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request to prohibit parking on the east side of 46th Street between 21st Avenue and 1909 46th Street.** Committee drove to location prior to meeting and reviewed the request. Waldron stated that he did not see an issue with vehicles parking on the east side of 46th Street between 21st Avenue and 1909 46th Street. Committee agreed with Waldron’s statement. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Request to prohibit parking on the south side of 14th Avenue, on the wide curve, east of 11th Street A.** Committee traveled to 14th Avenue and 11th Street A prior to the meeting and reviewed the request. Hinton, Waldron, Pickens, and Christ did not feel a sign was warranted on 14th Avenue. Waldron added that he did not see a line-of-sight issue. Versluis agreed with resident’s request. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Hinton, Waldron, Pickens, and Christ. Nays: Versluis.
- 5. Request to prohibit parking on the north side of 35th Avenue/35th Avenue Court, east of 38th Street.** Mike Johnson spoke on behalf of agenda item number 5. Johnson stated that he is worried that a fire truck or ambulance will not be able to make it down 35th Avenue/35th Avenue Court if a vehicle is parked on both sides of the road. Christ reported that the road seemed narrow. Hinton and Versluis both agreed that a fire truck and ambulance would have issues driving down the street with vehicles parked on both sides. Versluis stated that the Fire Department would not have time to knock on a resident’s door and ask them to remove their vehicle. Johnson added that garbage trucks have a tough time picking up trash when vehicles are parked on the avenue. Waldron stated that this is a common issue all over Moline. Motion to prohibit parking on the north side of 35th Avenue and the east side of 35th Avenue Court from 38th Street to the dead end by Christ, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Hinton, Versluis, Pickens, and Christ. Nays: Waldron.
- 6. Request to install a crosswalk in the 2500 block of 41st Street.** Pickens informed Committee that students like to be dropped off at the 2500 block of 41st Street because it is closer to the entrance of Moline High School. Currently a cross walk does not exist at the 2500 block of 41st Street. Waldron stated that mid block cross walks are dangerous. Waldron added that buses should be dropping students off at 26th Avenue. Committee agreed with Waldron and will inform Metrolink that students should be dropped off at 26th Avenue. Motion to deny Request

by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Request to prohibit parking on one side of 39th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. Committee agreed that an issue was present here during winter months. Waldron stated that this issue can be found everywhere in the City of Moline during winter months. Committee agreed that a sign was not warranted. Motion to deny by Christ, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to add a speed limit sign near 3601 37th Street to inform drivers of the speed limit on 37th Street. Hinton stated that 37th Street is not heavily traveled. Johnson informed Committee that drivers use 37th Street when they want to avoid other heavily used intersections. Hinton stated that installing a speed limit sign will not prevent someone from speeding in a residential area. It is thirty miles per hour in all residential streets unless marked otherwise. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to install a warning sign on 29th Street, north of 11th Avenue A, informing drivers that the intersection of 11th Avenue B and 29th Street is offset. Hinton stated that it is apparent that the intersection of 11th Avenue B and 29th Street is offset before reaching the intersection. Hinton also included that this area of Moline does not normally draw traffic that is not familiar with the intersection. Christ added that a warning sign would not solve the resident's issue. Pickens stated that he does not see an issue at this intersection if an accident has not occurred here. Motion to deny by Christ, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.

Request by Mayor Raes for the status of future residential handicap parking signs. Hinton did not have any new info pertaining to the installation of residential handicap parking signs. Hinton stated that he is waiting for more information from the Federal Highway Administration.

Request from Michael Johnson to install barricades or cables to prevent drivers from crossing John Deere Road, southbound, on 38th Street. Hinton informed Johnson that John Deere Road belongs to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Johnson would have to make that request to IDOT.

Motion to adjourn by Waldron, seconded by Hinton. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering