

MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, July 7, 2015



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

OTHERS: Scott Raes
Richard Lundy
Donald Spindle

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 June 2, 2015.** Motion to approve minutes by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to prohibit parking on the east side of 25th Street, from 12th Avenue, north to the alley.** Lundy spoke on behalf of this agenda item. Lundy expressed his concern that vehicles cannot simultaneously go north and south on 25th Street when vehicles park on the east side of 25th Street. Lundy added that there is nowhere for vehicles to pull over when a vehicle is coming from the opposite direction. Motion to move the “no parking from here to corner” sign sixty feet north of 12th Avenue by Waldron, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request to install “no parking from here to corner” signs on 48th Street Place, north and south of 49th Street.** Spindle spoke on behalf of this agenda item. Spindle stated that it is difficult to see while pulling onto 48th Street Place when vehicles park near the intersection of 49th Street. Committee collectively agreed with Spindle. Motion to install “no parking from here to corner” signs roughly thirty feet north and south of 49th Street by Waldron, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Elimination of school zones at the former Ericsson and Garfield Elementary Schools.** Motion to approve by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Request to prohibit parking on the east side of 17th Street, between 9th and 11th Avenue.** Pickens stated that parking should be prohibited at the sharp curve near 9th Avenue and 17th Street. Christ didn’t see any reason why vehicles could not park in the middle of 17th Street between the referenced avenues. Motion to approve request if the street width is less than twenty-seven feet and deny if the street width is more than twenty-seven feet by Waldron, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Waldron, Hinton, Versluis, and Pickens. Nays: Christ. The Engineering division measured the street from the inside of the curb and found the street to be nearly twenty-five feet wide.
- 6. Request to install a “no parking from here to corner” sign on 18th Street C, north of Avenue of the Cities.** Motion to install a “no parking from here to corner” sign on the east side of 18th Street C roughly 20 feet from the Avenue of the Cities by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Request to prohibit parking in the cul-de-sac located at 5005 46th Avenue Court.** Parking is prohibited in any paved turnaround; expect those with a forty-foot paved radius or more and which do not have center islands. The turnaround located at 46th Avenue Court exceeds eighty feet wide without a center island. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Request for a guardrail or barricade in front of 717 14th Street.** Hinton informed members that guardrails are not intended for vehicles to hit straight on. Hinton added that a homeowner can install a decorative barricade on their own property (not in City right-of-way). The wall currently located nearby is installed on City right-of-way. Christ added that planting a tree may help 717 14th Street. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously. Peterson contacted the Parks Division to see whether a tree could help this resident’s situation. Parks informed staff that a tree will not fix the problem.

9. **Request for a 4-way stop at 4th Street and 28th Avenue and a 4-way stop at 4th Street and 30th Avenue/30th Avenue Court.** Committee members quickly agreed that the traffic at these intersections will not significantly increase because of Hamilton School. Committee members also agreed that they do not install stop signs to prevent speeding. Motion to deny both requests for 4-way stops by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Motion to adjourn by Waldron, seconded by Pickens. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering