

MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Thursday, September 3, 2015



PRESENT: Michael Waldron
Scott Hinton
Chris Pickens
Shawn Christ
Greg Dekeyser

OTHERS: Scott Raes
Bill Womac
Vince Schueller

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 4, 2015.** Motion to approve minutes by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request for a residential handicap parking space at 539 29th Avenue.** Committee agreed that the resident has plenty of parking in the rear of 539 29th Avenue. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request for a residential handicap parking space at 1561 30th Avenue.** Womac attended meeting on behalf of agenda item. Womac stated that the resident living at 1561 30th Avenue has an issue parking in the rear of their property during wintry months. Womac requested a handicap parking space in front of 1561 30th Avenue so that the resident living there could easily access their home. Womac added that the avenue in front of said location is a snow route. Committee concluded that wintry conditions are not a reason to install a handicap parking sign. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Request for a 3-way stop at 35th Avenue and 14th Street.** Committee agreed that a 3-way stop would not solve the problem at 35th Avenue and 14th Street. Motion to forward request to the Parks Department by Waldron, seconded by Dekeyser. Motion carried unanimously. The Parks Department will frequently trim the trees at this intersection.
- 5. Request to appeal the recent installation of the “no parking this side of street” signs near 935 17th Street.** Schueller attended on behalf of agenda item. Schueller stated that renters no longer have available parking at 935 17th Street since the City prohibited parking on 17th Street. Hinton informed Schueller that it is not the City’s responsibility to provide on-street parking for the property owner. Dekeyser stated that the Fire Department has an issue traveling on 17th Street when vehicles park on both sides of the road. Christ added that 17th Street is not wide enough for parking on both sides. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Dekeyser. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Request to install a crosswalk/flashing warning light at the intersection of River Drive and 41st Street.** Pickens believed that the majority of people who would use this crosswalk would be residents living in the condos. If approved, Hinton informed members that the City may also need to connect the sidewalks on the north side of River Drive. Pickens suggested posting a speed limit counter before approving or denying the request. Motion to table request until a traffic speed investigation is performed by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Request to solve the line-of-sight concern on 13th Avenue, westbound, at 15th Street.** Discussion held regarding the line-of-sight concern at 13th Avenue and 15th Street. Committee agreed that changes did not need to be made at intersection. Motion to deny by Christ, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Request to remove school zone signage on 16th Street, between the 2400 and 2600 blocks.** Garfield Elementary School is no longer open. Motion to approve request by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Request to add a left turn signal, westbound, at the intersection of 38th Avenue and 41st Street.** Hinton informed staff that the Illinois Department of Transportation will be making changes to this intersection during the John Deere Road project. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Request to reconfigure traffic patterns at Lincoln-Irving Elementary School.** Motion to approve by Waldron, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried with the following votes: Aye: Pickens, Waldron, Christ, and Dekeyser. Nay: Hinton.

Other: Mayor Raes wanted to know the status of his request to prohibit parking on 26th Avenue, between 18th Street and 18th Street A. Committee members unanimously voted to install no parking signs if the avenue was less than 27th feet wide. Engineering staff measured the width of the avenue at roughly 25 feet.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering