



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, August 1, 2017
3635 4th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Shawn Christ
Laura Klauer
Sergeant Chris Pickens

STAFF: JD Schulte
Heather Hurley
Matt Moore

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

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of July 11, 2017.** Motion to approve minutes by Christ, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to prohibit parking on 53rd Street from 7th Avenue to 11th Avenue C.** Committee discussed that the street is primarily local traffic with no issues of this kind being reported in the past. Hinton stated that the street is narrower than our standard, but having to wait here and there for oncoming traffic due to residential parking isn't out of the norm. Sergeant Pickens explained that this area has had 13 reported accidents in the last five years, these accidents happened at various times of day and night with no connection to one specific issue. Hinton questioned if the accidents were related to on street parking. Sergeant Pickens stated that some accidents were related to on street parking; however none of the accidents were out of the norm from any other street with residential parking. Committee discussed the issue of possibly solving one problem and creating another by restricting residential parking on this street. Sergeant Pickens motioned to deny the request to prohibit parking on 53rd St. from 7th Avenue to 11th Avenue C, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request to apply pavement markings and stop bar at the intersection of 31st Avenue Court and 26th Street.** Hinton explained that he did observe the area and didn't notice any issues with traffic on 26th Street. Committee discussed that residential streets do not receive striping and this area would be a rather unusual case. Sergeant Pickens added that there are currently not any reports of accidents in this area. Committee discussed the lack of a stop sign at this intersection and concern of poor visibility of a stop sign due to bushes in the area. Installing a stop sign would

result in the placement being further back from where the stop bar is suggested. Christ motioned to deny the request for pavement marking and stop bar at the intersection of 31st Avenue Court and 26th Street, seconded by Sergeant Pickens. Motioned carried unanimously.

- 4. Other: Request to install speed limit signs near the entrance of Prospect Park on 35th Avenue.** Committee discussed that 35th Avenue is narrow just as 16th Street Place is which is currently marked at 20 mph. Sergeant Pickens stated that the speed limit on 16th Street Place is more than likely due to the Music Guild and not necessarily the width of the Street. Committee further discussed that the issue isn't the installment of a speed limit sign it's the request for a 20 mph speed limit as all residential areas are 30 mph. It's not possible to only mark an area of 35th Avenue at 20 mph as the entire street would have to stay consistent with the same speed limit. Sergeant Pickens suggested placing a speed sign in order to track current vehicle speeds in this area; however the sign would not be available for at least two to three weeks. Christ motioned to deny the request for a 20mph speed limit sign with the installment of 30mph speed limit signs on 35th Avenue, seconded by Sergeant Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Other.** Hinton presented an issue with failure to yield at an unmarked intersection on Valley View Drive. Hinton explained that the issue is with traffic entering and exiting private parking lots onto Valley View Drive. Vehicles should be yielding to oncoming traffic on Valley View Drive when entering and exiting parking lots; however due to the layout of the area there has been a lot of confusion as to who has the right-of-way. The main issue is with vehicles heading northbound on Valley View Drive continuing to head straight onto a private parking lot without yielding to oncoming traffic heading south bound from the east on Valley View Drive. Committee discussed making this area a three-way stop or placing a yield sign for northbound traffic on Valley View Drive in order to warn that oncoming traffic has the right-of-way. Christ suggested that we refer to engineering in order to know how the area should be properly signed. Hinton stated that a stop sign should be placed at the entrance/exit of parking lots; vehicles by law should be stopping when exiting a parking lot. Klauer stated that making this area a three-way stop would be best and result in less confusion. Hinton added that we are not allowed to place signs on private property. Klauer motioned to make this area a three-way stop with making a suggestion to property owner of parking lot for placement of a stop sign at the entrance/exit of the property, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Hinton, seconded by Sergeant Pickens. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hurley
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering