

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The January meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the conference room of the City Police Station on January 4, 2022. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Paul Brettin
Rip Ludlow

Andy Snyder – Secretary
Mike Frazee
Laura Konieczny

Sara Ford
Jeff Batchelor

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Paul Brettin.
2. No Public Comments.
3. The Commission directed Nick Minich to request that INDOT install "Do Not Enter" signs on the back side of the Kingsbury Ave. stop signs at its intersection with Indiana Ave.
4. The Commission also directed Nick Minich to discuss options with INDOT regarding mobile digital speed monitoring signs on Indiana Avenue to help reduce speeding.
5. The motion for placement of a stop sign on E Street at the intersection with 8th Street passed City Council in one reading at the December meeting.
6. The Commission decided to take no action regarding the request from Dean White for a downtown parking permit for his AirBnB located at 701 & 703 Lincolnway because requirements are per City Ordinance. However the Commission will suggest to Mr. White that parking spots can be leased at the Olga and PNC Bank buildings.
7. The Commission directed Nick Minich to open discussions with INDOT to formulate a plan for turn lanes at Indiana Avenue and Boyd Boulevard. This would be to accommodate the increased bus garage traffic on Indiana Ave. The plan could also include additional lanes for Weller Ave, Pine Lake Ave and Truesdell Avenue due to increased traffic with the new businesses being constructed in the area. The Commission will invite Craig Phillips to the next meeting to discuss further.
8. There are concerns of Emergency vehicles not being able to turn onto Pennsylvania from Weller Avenue due to a lawn care business (Bull Dog Lawn Care) parking trucks and trailers on both sides of the street. The Commission will look at the area and report back.
9. Jeff Batchelor made a suggestion of alternating parking on city streets to help accommodate the Street Department with snow removal and street sweeping. The Commission will look into the idea and report back.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Rip Ludlow and seconded by Paul Brettin.

The next Traffic Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary