

## La Porte City Traffic Commission

The July meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the conference room of the City Police Station on July 12, 2022. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson	Andy Snyder – Secretary	Sarah Ford
Paul Brettin	Mike Frazee	Rip Ludlow
Jeff Batchelor	Laura Konieczny	

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Paul Brettin and seconded by Laura Konieczny.
2. **Public Comment** – Jay Foldenauer (212 Whispering Blvd), Ann Smith (192 Allison Ln) & Harry & Susan Bebe (194 Allison Ln) attended the meeting to request a stop sign be added on Whispering Blvd. at its intersection with Allison Ln. They stated that since Whispering Blvd has become a through street, connecting Monroe St. to Ohio St. that traffic has increased in volume and speed. They believe since no other intersection mandates a stop on this roadway that the addition of this stop would be advantageous in slowing traffic and assist with driver attention. The Commission decided to visit the area and discuss it further at the August meeting.

Dean White of 3066 N. Highway 35 attended the meeting to inquire if consideration had been given for his request for a stop sign at the intersection of Rumely St. & E. Jefferson Ave. It was explained that the Commission had looked at this and determined that a stop sign at this intersection was not advisable and may even complicate the traffic pattern. He further inquired if his request for 15 minute pickup/carry out parking spaces on the Monroe St. side of 701 Lincolnway (Asian Fusion) had been reviewed. The Commission informed him that it had reviewed the request but understood it to be for parking spaces on Lincolnway not Monroe St. They also informed him the formal request should come from the restaurant owners, instead of him as the building owner. He indicated he would forward this information to the business owner.

Kyleen Fuller (116 J St) attended the meeting to request a Loading/Unloading parking space on 2<sup>nd</sup> St adjacent to her newly opened bicycle sales/repair business at 116 J St. The Commission informed her that since this is currently a no parking area on this side of the street for the entire length it would be difficult to accommodate this request. However, they did indicate they would look at the possibility of space on the opposite side of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. which does allow parking. The Commission will discuss this further at the August meeting.

3. The Commission decided not to place a handicap parking space across from Civic Auditorium at the corner of Ridge & Plain St. as had been requested by German Arvelo and Ruth Gago of 913 Ridge Street. Commission members indicated they had

- visited the area and noticed off street parking at the Gago's residence which was accessible to the home. They also did not observe an unusual amount of parking form neighbor's which would prevent the Gago's from using the street space. Andy Snyder will follow up with Gago's and inform them of the decision.
4. Nick Minich forwarded to the Commission that he was continuing to work with INDOT about proposed projects involving Indiana Ave. at its intersection with Kingsbury Ave. and Pine Lake Ave. at its intersection with Truesdell Ave. As more information becomes available he will provide it to the Commission.
  5. The Commission will continue to monitor the parking situation and the dangers of pedestrians crossing roadway in the area of The Dunes Event Center on Clear Lake Blvd. Future projects should accommodate pedestrian traffic better.
  6. The parking study for the City of La Porte is progressing.
  7. The Commission decided to take no action regarding the request to make Kingsporte Lane No Parking Both Sides. They felt this was not needed and would inhibit residential parking in the area.
  8. The Commission decided to take no action regarding the request from Robert M. Whorwell for a 4-Way stop at the intersection of Plain and Frank Street. The commission members and police did not observe excessive speeding on Plain Street and a search of past accidents did not substantiate the need.
  9. The motion of support to vacate the termination points of Cable St. and Toronto St. to the owner of the property at 66 Toronto St. was forwarded to Nick Minich to begin the process.
  10. Duane Miller forwarded a request to the Commission to consider no parking on both sides of Waverly Road by the boat launch. The Commission discussed several pros and cons to the concept and also decided to visit the area. Since this is park property the Commission would also like to seek input from the Park Board and Park Department. They will discuss it further at the August meeting.
  11. Karyl presented a draft ordinance that had been forwarded to her by Councilman Franke regarding golf carts being used on city streets. Since the commission members had just received the request and not had time to review it they decided to discuss it further at the August meeting. Karyl indicated she would forward it to the other members.
  12. The Commission also discussed a request from a citizen that Karyl had received regarding the placement of a stop sign in the area of Colfax Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Andrew Ave. Since these streets are some distance from each other Karyl was going to contact the citizen to clarify her request.
  13. With the recent paving of Darlington Street Rip Ludlow indicated there has been an increase in speed by motorists from the neighborhood and nearby factories. He felt this is an unsafe situation for children in the neighborhood. Rip made a motion to direct the Street Department to place "Children at Play" signs in the area to help curb the speeding. Andy Snyder seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Mike Frazee.

The next Traffic Commission will be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Snyder, Secretary