

City Of Lockport
Traffic Advisory Committee
8/3/2020

Members Present:

Lt. Pittman, LPD

Chief Brady, LFD

Roger Pitiss, Citizen (Virtual)

Mike Hoffman, COL Highways/Parks (v) Mike Tracy, Citizen (virtual)

Rich Clark, Citizen

Elected Officials Present:

Mayor Roman, (virtual)

Joe Oates (virtual)

Others present:

Jason Dool, Building Inspector

Tara Mathis (virtual)

Items Discussed: Tara Mathis, Rep, from Dollar General, discussed with the committee the pending proposal to build a Dollar General at Locust St. and Walnut St. Approval had been sought for an entrance/exit from Walnut St. from NYSDOT. Initially the request for this entrance/exit was denied by the DOT. Ms. Mathis asked the committee to look at this proposal and if possible have another meeting within a couple weeks to ask the Common Council to ask the DOT if they would entertain a request from the City to allow the Walnut St. entrance/exit to the proposed store. The Committee agreed to meet on August 31, 2020 and make a recommendation to the council.

Lockport Schools Credit Union Building and Access Drive Proposed for Gafney Rd., just east of S. Transit St.:

The Committee heard from the firm designing the proposed schools credit union building that is proposed for the NE corner of S. Transit St. at Gafney Rd. A proposal includes a drive from Gafney Rd. into the credit union property. Several committee asked if the proposal included an access to the Plaza parking lot, it does not. Access will only be from S. Transit St. or Gafney Rd. The committee agreed that this credit union has a relatively small membership at this time and the traffic will not adversely impact the nearby residences. We will make a recommendation to the council to allow the Gafney Rd. access/egress.

FYI: Items are listed in order discussed.

Please Note: The virtual connection was very poor. I could not hear some of the responses or questions from members present in the chambers. If anything was not included in these minutes that I may have missed, please advise me and I will add the item.

Next meeting: August 31, 2020 at 3:00pm

Minutes recorded by: M. Tracy

City Of Lockport
Traffic Advisory Committee
8/31/2020

Members Present:

Lt. Pittman, LPD
Mike Hoffman, COL Highways/Parks (v)
Lucius Brundage, Citizen (new member)

Chief Brady, LFD
Mike Tracy, Citizen

Roger Pitiss, Citizen (Virtual)
Rich Clark, Citizen

Elected Officials Present:

Mayor Roman, (virtual)

Joe Oates (virtual)

Others present:

Jason Dool, Building Inspector, P. McGrath (City Attorney's office) Tom Callahan, Clarence Berkwitz from Lockport Caves.

Tara Mathis (virtual)

Items Discussed: Tara Mathis, Rep. from Broadway Group, discussed with the committee the pending proposal to endorse an access/egress drive from Walnut Street to the new store. After some discussion regarding delivery trucks and their size, where on the property the trucks would be unloading, a question from Alderman Oates regarding greenery (trees, bushes etc.) and how they would be placed and discussion regarding the impact of the traffic on nearby businesses. The committee decided to recommend to the council that the council itself ask the DOT to allow the Walnut St. access/egress drive so the project can move forward as proposed. Committee members present were provided with a drawing of the proposed store and adjacent parking areas. (This was to scale and a little hard to read) A motion was made by M. Hoffman and seconded by Chief Brady to make a recommendation to the council to allow the Walnut St. drive.

Lockport Cave and Underground Boat Ride: T.Callahan, C. Berkwitz Discussed with the committee their continued concern with traffic, parking and pedestrian safety in the area of their attraction on Lock St./Pine St. bridge, Ontario St. area. Mr. Callahan noted that there were several proposals recently that could possibly change the configuration at the above listed area and intersections. His concern was the committee was not made aware of these proposals to allow for our input. He and Mr. Berkwitz spoke of several instances where traffic passing through the area did not heed the existing road striping, signage and speed limit. This area has been a concern for some time. Mr. Hoffman agreed to look at the area again and install, if deemed necessary, some additional signage and striping.

FYI: Items are listed in order discussed.

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Next meeting: Sept. 21, 2020 at 3:00pm

Minutes recorded by: M. Tracy