



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

CAC Chooses Meeting Topics for 2023

When the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry periodically chooses meeting topics for the next year, there is never a lack of suggestions. Recently, brainstorming initially generated 89 ideas from CAC community members, managers from local chemical plants, and visitors. They considered their own ideas, issues they hear about in the community and in the news, topics the CAC has addressed over the last 5 years, other CACs' topics, and issues about which industry wants the community to be aware.

After prioritizing, small groups suggested 16 topics for the full CAC to consider. After these were posted on large sheets of paper, everyone was given sticky dots to identify subjects they most want to cover in the coming year. Working from the topics that received the most points from community members, a planning committee will draft a Program Plan, which the membership will review and adopt. The plan then will guide what goes on the group's agendas for the coming year.

Tops among community members was an update on roads, including state highways 146, 225, and 99 as well as local streets. Next was a familiar topic-- coastal protection efforts—and, for the first time, a CAC agenda will focus on carbon capture and storage and efforts by industry to reduce emissions that contribute to greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

The CAC is a forum for candid and constructive dialogue between those who live or work in La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres and the managers of 43 chemical plants in La Porte. Visitors are welcome. To attend one of the 6 p.m. meetings, contact a member or email the CAC facilitator at info@laportecac.org. The group meets again November 1, 2022 for follow-up reports on three major environmental and/or safety events in 2021. The CAC shares information about its meetings and presentations at www.laportecac.org.