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**City of Marquette
Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee 01/17/2023**

- I.** Meeting located in the Marquette City Hall Conference Room #103
- II.** Meeting Called to Order: 5:17 p.m.
- III.** Roll Call:
Present: Barb Owdziej, Orville Dishno, Jodi Lanciani, Jim Breitenbach, Richard Johnson
Excused Absence: Al Sherbinow
Staff Liaison Present: Captain Jim Finkbeiner
- IV.** Approval of Agenda for 1/17/23:
The 1/17/23 Agenda was motioned for approval by Orville, seconded by Jodi and unanimously approved.
- V.** Approval of Minutes for 12/20/22
Submitted By: Jodi Lanciani
The 12/20/22 minutes was motioned for approval by Barb, seconded by Orville and unanimously approved.
- VI.** Public Comment:
Renee Martin of 2626 Grove Street – Thank you to the City for cutting the snow banks along 3rd Street. That said, conditions prior to snow bank removal were difficult: vehicle parking was encroaching into the roadway and her sideview mirror was hit. In addition, exiting and entering the vehicle was considered hazardous. The question is ‘what took so long?’ and ‘what does it take to start the process for bank removal?’ Further discussion ensued as the committee jumped forwarded into the agenda as recorded in item #2 under New Business.
- VII.** Old Business:
 1. McMillan/ Anderson Street Traffic & Parking – No further developments at this time.

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2. Tierney Street – During Bothwell School drop off and pick up times, cars park and/or pedestrians stand on both sides of Tierney St. making it difficult and dangerous for buses to drive through and for pedestrians to cross the street.

Upon further discussion, it was noted that physical changes along with administrative outreach have been implemented by the School to aid in mitigating this condition; however, as seen in other examples, pickup/dropoff traffic has gone up (likely due in part to covid concerns). The Committee has resolved that a prudent next step is to talk with the School's Transportation Department about roadway sign changes for both sides of the road that are both practical and consistent that can be used by the public as a standard and can be enforced until a more effective long term solution can be developed and implemented.

VIII. New Business:

1. TPAC Meeting Schedule – Currently scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month. The Committee sees no reason to change this, however, given location change due to construction and other considerations, timing and room reservation availability is somewhat tenuous and is being considered.

2. Snow Removal

Captain Finkbeiner provided a diagram outlining 'Sidewalk Plow Routes' with responsibility designations.

"How it works" was a topic for discussion. In general, it is understood that Public Works cuts the banks. Main arteries and big hills get priority. The DDA shares some responsibility within the business districts for plowing sidewalks and cut-ins from roadside parking to the sidewalk. Efforts will be made to reach out to Public Works to clarify what triggers the process, prioritizations and other considerations for cutting the snow banks.

3. North Third Street/West Ridge Parking Problem

This is an intersection of limited visibility. This intersection has a number of confluences that make it difficult for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. A 'simple' consideration is to add signage designating "No Parking Here To Corner".

4. Traffic Fatalities Discussion

A NYT article was distributed to the Committee outlining national traffic fatality statistics during covid lockdown years. It was noted that one of the few nations in

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the world that increased during that time was the U.S. Relatively speaking, the topic was driven to the local level with regard to how Marquette was doing and what factors may have contributed to our incident rates. In general, it is perceived that the addition of Round-Abouts have greatly reduced both the number and serverity of incidents. Efforts will be made to provide actual data from these locations for further review and analysis. The intent is track impacts as a result of these changes and consider further recommendations.

5. Traffic & Parking Committee Annual Presentation

The Annual Presentation for the City Council is currently scheduled in April; however, due to schedule conflicts, the date for presentation is being reconsidered.

IX. Committee Comments:

Engine Braking - It was noted that the City of Escanaba has signs regarding engine breaking. Given a previous complaint in Marquette, it was suggested that we reach out to Escanaba to inquire about their considerations and results.

Private Property Parking – Given that the annual winter night time roadway parking ban and enhanced ticket fees are in place, the question was raised about parking and ticket fees on private parking with the primary example being in business parking lots. It was noted that residents in parts of town where houses are close to the roadway can apply for a waiver from the parking ban. But by enlarge, regardless of differences in parking ticket fee schedules, 4 tickets is the limit before enforcement defers to booting the vehicle at which time all fees must be resolved before the boot is removed.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

Orville motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jim seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

XI. Time of Adjournment: 6:48 p.m.

Minutes for 1/17/23 were submitted by: Jim Breitenbach

Approved by Chairman: _____

Date: 2-20-23

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 2-21-23