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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 01/20/2026

Meeting located in Conference Room # 103, lower level of Marquette City Hall

I. Meeting Called to Order:

5:17

II. Roll Call:

Present: Julie Benda Nicole Bates, Grant Combs, Jerry Kujawa, Travis Norman, Barb Owdziej, Eric Paupore

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner

Others Present: None

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Owdziej proposed discussing roles within the committee. Paupore wanted to update the committee on enforcement of snow removal from sidewalks within the city's sidewalk snowplow routes. With these change, the approval of the agenda was motioned by Norman; seconded by Bates. Approved.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kujawa

The approval of last meetings minutes was motioned by Bates; seconded by Norman. Approved.

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VI: Public comments:

None

VII: Old Business:

- 1) E-bike Task force Committee Update(s)

A presentation to the city commission from the e-bike task force is forthcoming.

- 2) Snow Removal

Eric Paupore updated the committee on enforcement of the city's rules regarding snow on sidewalks within the mandatory snow clearance zone. Tickets can be issued to homeowners who put snow on sidewalks within the city's sidewalk plow routes. Two weeks are being provided for homeowners to come into compliance, after which homeowners may be ticketed and charged for the removal of snow put onto sidewalks.

VII: New Business:

- 1) Chairperson and Secretary roles

Owdziej offered the role of chairman to any other committee members. No members expressed interest. The committee was happy with her job as chairperson.

No members expressed interested in taking over the role of secretary from Kujawa.

- 2) Active Transportation Plan Review

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A. Specifically:

Table 6- Proposed bike network

Table 7- Proposed areas that need some type of additional crossing treatment (note that there's no mention of the multis path crossing on Cleveland Ave), or on E Fair except at the intersection at Pine.

Table 12- prioritizes the bike network

Table 13- prioritizes spot improvements

The committee discussed the draft Active Transportation Plan and proposed the following additions:

Inclusion to the list of spot improvements all locations where the multi-use trail intersects city streets, specifically Cleveland Avenue, Grant Avenue, and Ridge Street. Visual warnings would create safer crossings, whether flashing signals or signage alerting drivers to the presences of cyclists and pedestrians.

Inclusion to the list of spot improvements an additional intersection on Fair Avenue between Presque Isle and Lake Shore Blvd. While the draft plan proposes the addition of crosswalks at Pine Street, additional crossings would facilitate walkability. A crosswalk at the intersection of Front Street and Fair Ave , along with a curb cut on the north side of Fair, would create a path for pedestrians that would be especially valuable in winter, as only the sidewalks on the north side of Fair Ave. are plowed.

The committee also proposed including street painting as a possible traffic calming device. Paint can be an easy, low-cost street improvement, allowing some of the plan's proposals to be implemented quicker than would be possible with more robust infrastructure. While the committee hopes to see permanent infrastructure eventually installed, painting can be a first-step solution that can be quickly implemented and act as a demonstration for future, more permanent improvements.

The committee supported all other proposals within the draft plan and hopes to see their implementation.

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3) Committee Report to Commission Schedule

A. Tentative Date for the Meeting is Monday, April 27th

IX: Committee Comments:

Travis Norman was curious about the frequency of the city's bank cutter, appreciating how sidewalks are free of snow after the bank cutter removes snow.

Norman also noted that the sidewalk on 7th street from Fisher to Washington was not plowed when he has attempted to walk on it, despite this route being part of the city's sidewalk plow route.

Barb Owdziej noted that on her walks to work, she must walk in the street because sidewalks are not cleared. While acknowledging that walking in the street is a potential hazard, Owdziej expressed hope that a culture of walking in the winter could spread as more people choose to walk.

Owdziej also mentioned that the city has requested the purchase of two new plows and proposed that this purchase be tied to improving plowing practices for pedestrians.

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Owdziej motioned to adjourn. Concurred by committee.

XI: Time of Adjournment:

6:23

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 2-18-26

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 2/18/26

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are present. The first signature is above the "Approved by Chairperson" line, and the second signature is above the "Accepted by Committee Liaison" line.