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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 03/21/2023

I. Meeting located in the Marquette City Hall Conference Room #103

II. Meeting Called to Order: 4:00 pm

III. Roll Call:

Present: Barbara Owdziej, Orville Dishno, Jodi Lanciani, Alan Sherbinow,
Richard Johnson, Jim Breitenbach

Others Present: Captain James Finkbeiner, Marquette Police Liaison

IV: Approval of Agenda for 03/21/2023: additional discussion about snow
clearing on East Fair Avenue was added.

Motion to approve the agenda with addition was made by Jodi Lanciani,
seconded by Richard Johnson.
Approved unanimously 6-0.

V: Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from 02/21/2023 by Barbara Owdziej,
seconded by Orville Dishno. Approved unanimously 6-0

VI: Public Comments: None.

VII: Old Business:

1. City Commission meeting date for TPAC is July 31, 2023, at 6 pm.
2. The TPAC meeting schedule has been finalized, TPAC will meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4 pm.
2. Sheriff's Department Parking Problems: A recommendation to move handicapped spots east on Baraga Ave to allow for 2-3 more spots for Sheriff's Department vehicles will be completed.

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VIII: New Business

1. Review of Previously Identified Problem Areas: Barbara Owdziej provided a summary of the many issues that TPAC has been discussing. This will be helpful for City Commission Meeting as well as an organizational reminder of our priorities.
2. One-Way Traffic on Third St.- This was moved to discuss after agenda item #4.
3. Safe Routes to School – Barbara Owdziej wants to encourage the schools and government to get involved as there are many grants available. Discussion was had about the need for schools to initiate this program and TPAC not having the authority to apply for the grants nor is there anyone at the city level specifically assigned to this type of grants that we could reach out to.
4. Parking Problem at 209 West Prospect: The driveway to the house at 209 W. Prospect is often blocked by cars waiting to enter the Cruise and Coffee Business on the 3rd St./Prospect St. corner. TPAC recommends a sign west of the driveway stating, “No Parking Here to corner” AND “Do Not Block Driveway.”
 - Barbara Owdziej opened a discussion about traffic and safety issues on 3rd St. and whether making 3rd. St. one-way would be worth exploring. Jodi mentioned that the DDA would want to survey businesses. Other committee members did not think businesses would be in favor of this. Barb feels the safety aspect of 3rd St. needs to be addressed. Jim feels the 3rd St. one-way issue is too big of an issue to take on right now. The issue with visibility at 3rd. and Magnetic was re-discussed as one of the many problem areas on that street.
5. Snow removal on East Fair – Eleven households provided Barbara Owdziej with letters about issues with how the street is plowed vigorously and frequently, throwing snow and ice on pedestrian walkways. The removal of the 4-way stop at Pine St. and East Fair intersection has increased the speed people drive on that road as well. Barbara Owdziej proposed that public works consider this a complete street project and look for solutions. Captain Jim suggested the neighbors attend a City Commission meeting. No action was taken.

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IX: Committee Comments: None

X: Public Comment – None

XI: Time of Adjournment: 6:10 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Orville Dishno and seconded by Jim Breitenbach

Approved by Chairwoman: _____

Date: 4-18-23

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 4-18-23

[Handwritten signatures in blue ink]