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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 4/16/2024

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

I. Meeting Called to Order:

5:17 PM

II. Roll Call:

Present: Orville Dishno, Gerald Kujawa, Barb Owdziej

Excused Absence: None

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner, Doug Garrison, Marquette resident and writer for the Word on the Street Blog

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Approval of the agenda was motioned by Dishno; seconded by Kujawa. Approved.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kujawa

The approval of the previous meeting minutes was motioned by Dishno, seconded by Owdziej. Approved.

VI: Public Comments:

None

VII: Old Business:

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1. TPAC City Commission Presentation Review

Owdziej mentioned that earlier drafts of the presentation contained a list of intersections of particular concern that the committee would like to bring to the commission's attention. This list was not included in the final presentation. The committee will review this list at the next TPAC meeting.

The committee discussed the recommendation from the presentation that the committee's name be changed to the Compete Street Advisory Committee. Complete Streets is defined as a system of streets, planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods, whether by car, truck, transit or assistive device, foot or bicycle.

Because the definition of Complete Streets encompasses the goals and scope of the committee, the committee formally decided to request a name change.

Owdziej motioned to change the committee's name from the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee to the Complete Streets Advisory Committee. Kujawa seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

2. Wright & Industrial Traffic Light Question Update

Captain Finkbeiner learned from Engineering that a flashing beacon light to alert drivers of pedestrians in the crosswalk was legal in Michigan. Captain Finkbeiner also mentioned that the engineering department was considering relocating the crosswalk at this intersection to improve safety. Because the crosswalk configuration might change in the future, the committee decided not to further discuss a flashing beacon light at this location.

3. Bike Path Signage (Hawley & Lakeshore Blvd)

The committee previously discussed changing the bike crossing sign at Hawley & Lakeshore Blvd to also include a pedestrian crossing sign as well. Captain Finkbeiner stated that if the sign was changed at this location, the Public Works Department would like to change all signs to stay consistent. Because this would represent a significant cost, the committee decided that the sign change might not be warranted. The committee was open to discussing improvements at the intersection in the future, including the inclusion of a flashing beacon light.

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VIII: New Business

1. Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card -Silver Award for Marquette

The committee reviewed the report and discussed the community recommendations. Owdziej was interested in the source of data that was used to complete the application for the award. The committee was interested in discussing the report with city planner, David Stensaas. Captain Finkbeiner stated that he would invite Mr. Stensaas to a future meeting.

IX: Committee Comments:

Dishno noted that he has observed cars attempting to get into a left turn lane at stoplights driving into the opposite traffic lane in order to skip the line of cars waiting at a red light, causing a potentially dangerous traffic situation. Dishno also noted cars speeding through yellow lights instead of safely coming to a stop. Captain Finkbeiner noted these concerns and would consider them for inclusion in a public safety announcement to drivers.

Dishno also mentioned that the next meeting would be his final meeting on the committee as he was reaching the end of his three-year term. Dishno wanted to express that during his term there were long delays before the committee's recommendations would be put into action. He hoped to see future improvements happen in a timelier manner.

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Owdziej motioned to adjourn; concurred by committee.

XI: Time of Adjournment:

6:03

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 5/21/24

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Finkbeiner", written over a horizontal line.

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Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____
Date: 5/21/24

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