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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 05/13/2025

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

I. Meeting Called to Order:

5:03

II. Roll Call:

Present: Julie Benda, Jerry Kujawa, Travis Norman, Barb Owdziej, Eric Paupore,
Courtney Jennifer Rajt

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner; Sean Hobbins, Deputy City
Manager

Excused Absence: Nicole Bates

Re-Appointments: *Barb Owdziej*
Jerry Kujawa

Congratulations and thank you for your continued service on the TPAC!

New Appointment: *Eric Paupore*

Congratulations and a Big Welcome to the TPAC!

Congratulations and thanks to all the committee members for your service to the City
of Marquette

THE TPAC IS NOW FULLY STAFFED!!!

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IV: Approval of Agenda:

Barb Owdziej motioned to move Mr. Hobbins discussion of the active transportation planning overview to the first order of business. Eric Paupore asked to revisit the previous meeting's discussion of the third street corridor. Travis Norman motioned to approve the agenda with these changes. Courtney Jennifer Rajt seconded the motion. Approved

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kujawa

The approval of the previous meeting's minutes was motioned by Courtney Jennifer Rajt; seconded by Travis Norman. Approved.

VI: Public comments:

NONE

VII: Old Business:

1) TPAC Committee Report to the City Commission – Review

The committee congratulated Nicky Bates on her presentation to the city commission at the previous commissioner's meeting.

2) Bike Rodeo Update(s)

Eric Paupore updated the committee on the progress of the planning for the bike rodeo. The rodeo has obtained enough bike lights and helmets for one hundred participants. The bike rodeo will also serve as a general safety fair, with the police and fire department participating

3) Third Street corridor Discussion

Continuing the previous month's discussion of the third street corridor, the committee wanted to emphasize that cycling accessibility should be maintained on Third Street.

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Courtney Jennifer Rajt motioned that the committee make the following recommendation:

The city should maintain the existing biking accessibility on Third Street and the city should work to enhance the safety of all users.

Barb Owdzej seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passes.

VII: New Business:

1) Sean Hobbins – Deputy City Manager

a. Active Transportation Planning overview and information

Mr. Hobbins informed the committee that the city had obtained a \$45,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Agricultural and Rural Development to enhance the city's active transportation. Toole Design Consultants are creating recommendations that will serve as a guide for the future development of active transportation in the city. The consultants have studied the city's existing conditions and are now moving to gather community input. On May 28th and May 29th the consultants will be in Marquette to gather community input on the state of Marquette's existing active transportation.

2) Old Hospital Redevelopment Road Design Planning

Jerry Kujawa discussed the plans for the old hospital redevelopment, noting that the length of the block from 7th Street to Hebard Court was longer than a typical Marquette block. Prominent urbanists have argued that shorter blocks can create an environment that encourages walkability as shorter blocks create shorter routes to destinations. Mr. Kujawa wondered if the plans for the hospital redevelopment could include an additional north-south street so that the blocks would be shorter.

3) 900-1000 Blocks of West Bluff Street

- a. South side of the street parking problems
 - i. Congested and narrow in areas

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ii. Between Lincoln Avenue and Rublein Street

Because Bluff Street is narrow in the 900-1000 blocks, when cars are parked on both sides of the street visibility is reduced, making it potentially dangerous for people walking across the street. The committee considered the low density of houses and determined that parking on one side of the street could increase safety without significant inconvenience to any homeowners.

Barb Owdziej motioned that the following committee make the following recommendation to the city.

No parking should be allowed on the south side of West Bluff Street between Garfield Avenue and Rublein Street.

Jerry Kujawa seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passes.

IX: Committee Comments:

NONE

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Barb Owdziej motioned to adjourn. Concurred by committee.

XI: Time of Adjournment:

6:30

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 6-10-85

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 6-10-25