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City of Marquette  
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee  
Minutes 06/10/2025

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

**I. Meeting Called to Order:**

5:03 pm

**II. Roll Call:**

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

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner

Marquette residents: Doug Garrison, Mike Stoolmiller, Nancy Uschold, and Cary Gottlieb

**IV: Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the agenda; Ms. Benda seconded the motion.  
Approved.

**V: Approval of minutes:**

Minutes submitted by: Gerald Kujawa

The approval of the previous meeting's minutes was motioned by Mr. Norman;  
seconded by Ms. Bates. Approved.

**VI: Public comments:**

Nancy Uschold, Marquette resident at 3084 Island Beach Road commented that cars park on the city multi-use path between the Island Beach Road and the (operational)

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ore dock. Ms. Uschold would like to see no parking signs at the section of the path to make it clear to drivers that they may not park on the path.

Ms. Uschold also noted that the speed limit for the multi-use path is 15 mph, although trail users, especially e-bike riders, exceed this limit. Ms. Uschold would like to see signs indicating the speed limit on the path.

Cary Gotlieb, Marquette resident at 1076 S. Lake Street in Marquette and a current city commission member, commented that multiple residents have complained to him about the difficulty of turning from Ridge Street onto Lakeshore Boulevard because of short sight lines. These residents have asked for the inclusion of a mirror at the intersection to make it easier to see traffic on Lakeshore Boulevard and safely pull out into the street.

Captain Finkbeiner indicated that there is no standard use for a mirror on a public right of way, and the inclusion of such a mirror might introduce problems of glare and reflections of the sun into neighbor's homes. A sign indicating that there is a short sign distance would be a possible implementation.

Mr. Gotlieb also commented that he has observed kids biking dangerously on the city multi-use trail.

Mike Stoolmiller, Marquette resident of 3084 Island Beach Road, commented that kids using the multi-use path are biking at high speeds, especially e-bike riders. Mr. Stoolmiller suggested that outreach is needed to educate users on safe trail use.

Captain Finkbeiner responded that officers held an assembly in all Marquette public schools to educate students on safe cycling practices.

Doug Garrison, Marquette resident at 418 W. Crescent Street and publisher of the Word on the Street blog, inquired if any efforts have been made to lower the speed limit on State Highway 553.

Ms. Bates responded that she has reached out to MDOT and has been told that there is no procedure in MDOT to lower the speed limit on a state highway.

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Mr. Garrison also asked if the committee was considering plans to make Third Street a one-way street.

Ms. Owdziej responded that the committee has not recommended such a change to Third Street, but the committee has recommended that active transportation infrastructure continue to be included on Third Street

#### **VII: Old Business:**

1) Bike Rodeo Final Wrap-up

Mr. Paupore, who organized the bike rodeo, commented that the bike rodeo was a success, with 96 helmets distributed to attending children. The bike rodeo will take place again next year, and Mr. Paupore was open to feedback to improve future bike rodeos.

2) Old Hospital Redevelopment Discussion

Mr. Paupore distributed plans for the new townhomes on Magnetic Street. No further discussion was held regarding the redevelopment.

#### **VII: New Business:**

1) 121 East Hewitt Avenue - Parking problem; blocked driveway solution requested.

A resident has complained that when two cars attempt to park on the street in front of their house, the cars block the resident's driveway. The resident requested a sign that would prohibit cars from blocking their driveway.

**Ms. Owdziej motioned that the committee recommend that a "No parking" sign that would prohibit cars from blocking the driveway be installed at 121 East Hewitt Avenue. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passes.**

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- 2) 1009 Champion Street – Parking problem; blocked driveway solution requested.

At 1009 Champion Street, there was a parking problem like 121 East Hewitt Avenue.

**Ms. Owdziej motioned that the committee recommend that a “No parking” sign that would prohibit cars from blocking the driveway be installed at 1009 Champion Street. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passes.**

- 3) E-bike discussion – particular topics to be determined by the committee.

The committee recognized that there are many complaints from residents regarding unsafe use of the multiuse trail, with e-bikes being a particular problem.

Captain Finkbeiner informed the committee that police have an enforcement plan to educate class 2 e-bike users that these e-bikes are not permitted on the trail. Also, TV-6 news has partnered with the police department to create PSAs to educate the public of proper use of the multi-use trail.

Ms. Owdziej suggested the formation of a subcommittee to consider suggestions for the safe use of e-bikes within Marquette. This subcommittee would include community stakeholders, including a member of the parks and recreation advisory committee, owners of local bike shops, a member of the police department, a member of the planning department, and a member of public works.

**Ms. Owdziej motioned that the committee recommend the formation of a subcommittee to consider the safe use of e-bikes within Marquette. Ms. Bates seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passes.**

The committee also discussed immediate solutions for the multi-use trail.

Ms. Benda noted that multi-use trails in other cities have the speed limit painted on the trail to encourage courteous riding.

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**Ms. Benda motioned that the committee recommend that the speed limit of 15 mph be painted on the multi-use trail. Mr. Kujawa seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.**

Mr. Paupore commented that there is no ordinance that prohibits reckless riding on the trail and believed that such an ordinance would allow police to enforce unsafe cycling.

**Mr. Paupore motioned that the committee recommend that the city draft an ordinance that would address reckless riding on the multi-use path and sidewalks. Mr. Kujawa seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.**

**IX: Committee Comments:**

NONE

**X: Motion to Adjourn:**

Barb Owdziej motioned to adjourn. Concurred by committee.

**XI: Time of Adjournment:**

6:35

Approved by Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7-8-25

Accepted by Committee Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/8/25

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