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City of Marquette  
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee  
Minutes 07/08/2025

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

**I. Meeting Called to Order:**

5:00

**II. Roll Call:**

Present: Julie Benda, Grant Combs, Jerry Kujawa, Barb Owdziej, Eric Paupore

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner

Excused Absence: Nicole Bates, Travis Norman

**NEW APPOINTMENT: GRANT COMBS**

Congratulations and a BIG Welcome to the Committee!

**IV: Approval of Agenda:**

Owdziej motioned to approve the agenda, with the addition of discussing the issue of cars blocking the multi-use path near the operating Ore Dock. Paupore seconded the motion. Approved

**V: Approval of minutes:**

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kujawa

The approval of the previous meeting's minutes was motioned by Paupore; seconded by Kujawa. Approved.

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**VI: Public comments:**

None

**VII: Old Business:**

1) Discussion of cars parking on the multi-use trail near the operating Ore Dock

The committee continued the discussion of finding a solution to cars parking on the multi-use trail between the operating Ore Dock and Island Beach Road, an issue brought up by public comment at the June TPAC meeting. The trail runs along the road in this section and cars sometime park on the trail. The trail and road are difficult to distinguish in this location and there are inadequate signs to alert drivers that parking is not allowed on the road.

**It was moved by Jerry Kujawa and supported by Barb Owdziej to recommend that cars be prevented from parking on the multi-use trail between the operating Ore Dock and Island Beach Road, through means such as installing no parking signs and painting the bike lane to distinguish it from the road. All in favor. Motion passes.**

**It was moved by Eric Paupore and supported by Julie Benda to recommend that the city research if and how the multi-use trail could be redeveloped and redesigned for clear separation of the trail and Lakeshore Boulevard between the operating Ore Dock and Island Beach Road. All in favor. Motion passes.**

**VII: New Business:**

1) E-Bike Task Force Committee Membership Discussion/Vote

Nicole Bates, Grant Combs, and Barb Owdziej volunteered to be part of the E-bike task force. All were in favor of having these three members serve on the task force.

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

Barb Owdziej emphasized that e-bikes effects not just the multi-use path, but the entire street network.

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Eric Paupore commented that in discussing e-bikes, the committee shouldn't necessarily see e-bikes as a problem as e-bikes are now common and will likely remain so. Instead, the committee should recommend solutions that accommodate the increasing number of e-bike users.

3) TPAC Committee Chairperson Discussion/Vote

Barb Owdziej, current chairperson, expressed satisfaction in continuing her role as chairperson but wanted to ensure that no other members were interested in the position. The committee all supported Barb Owdziej to continue serving as chairperson.

**IX: Committee Comments:**

Jule Benda questioned the paid parking spaces at One Marquette Place, and if the DDA enforced parking on these privately owned parking spaces. Captain Finkbeiner informed the committee that the DDA does enforce the parking at these spaces.

**X: Motion to Adjourn:**

Owdziej motioned to adjourn. Concurred by committee.

**XI: Time of Adjournment:**

6:05

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

Date: 8-12-25

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

Date: 8-12-25

*[Handwritten signatures]*