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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 07/16/2024

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

I. Meeting Called to Order:

5:00 PM

II. Roll Call:

Present: Nicole Bates, Jerry Kujawa, Barb Owdziej

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner.

Marquette Residents: Jay Parent, Doug Garrison, Brian Carlson, Sally Carlson, Bill Sved, Chris Swanson, Zach Youngs

Negaunee resident, Lindsey Beauchamp

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Owdziej motioned to revisit the old business of forming an e-bike subcommittee.

Kujawa approved the agenda with this change. Seconded by Bates. Approved.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kujawa

The approval of the previous meeting minutes was motioned by Kujawa, seconded by Bates. Approved.

VI: Public comments:

Doug Garrison, Marquette Resident at 418 W. Crescent Street and Author of Word on the Street Blog, inquired if the committee had any concerns about beachgoers parking on the streets at the intersection of Lakeshore and Pine St.

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The committee informed Mr. Garrison that they had looked at the intersection last year. Several no parking signs was added on Pine Street to limit parking at the corner in order to improve visibility and safety.

Zach Youngs, Marquette resident of 816 West Kaye Avenue and member of MQT One Wheel advocated for one-wheel electric skateboards to be allowed on Marquette's bike paths, receiving a designation similar to class one e-bikes. Mr. Youngs stated that city streets were often unsafe for one-wheel use, citing a lack of striping on streets such as 7th St., Kaye Avenue, and South Lake St.

Jay Parent, Marquette Resident of 213 Blemhuber Avenue, spoke in favor of allowing parking on S. Lake Street. As a longtime Marquette resident, Mr. Parent wanted to see South Lake remain accessible to the public, with parking available for visitors to the beach. He also commented that he did not think the former power plant adjacent to South Beach should be used as beach parking, as the site was industrial in nature.

Brain Carlson, Marquette Resident of 1050 S. Lake St., commented against allowing parking on S. Lake Street. A resident of the street, Mr. Carlson felt that parking was dangerous on the street, since cars would be parked near the Lakeshore Trail, presenting a hazard for car doors opening in front of cyclists and pedestrians using the trail.

Bill Sved, Marquette Resident of 1605 Wright St., commented that the multiuse path felt too crowded. A regular runner on the trail, Mr. Sved had concerns with the behavior of e-bike users on the trails. Mr. Sved also commented that there was flooding on his street after the recent major rainstorm.

Sally Carlson, Marquette Resident of 1050 S. Lake St. commented against allowing parking on S. Lake Street. A resident of the street, Mrs. Carlson did not want cars to be parked on the street in front of her house, blocking her home's views of the lake.

Lindsey Beauchamp, Negaunee resident, spoke in favor of allowing parking on South Beach. Ms. Beauchamp stated that she was a user of South Beach and would like to see parking available for visitors.

Chris Swanson, Marquette resident of 1086 S. Lake Street commented on the increased use of South Beach. As a resident of S. Lake Street, Mr. Swanson wanted to make sure the beach was available to visitors, and he didn't want the beach to have a

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private beach feel. Mr. Swanson also commented that residents of the street do not have on-street parking available for their guests. Finally, Mr. Swanson believed that the adjacent industrial plot to South Beach might be an appropriate location for increased parking for beach users.

VII: Old Business:

1. E-bike Concerns

The committee would like to reiterate our motion from the previous month. **Our committee recognizes the increased use of E-Bikes in our community and recommends a subcommittee to compile a list of recommendations for their safe use, including potential mandatory registration.**

VII: New Business:

1. South Lake Street Parking

- a. Currently No Parking is allowed on either side of the street (limited signage)
- b. Very popular beach area
- c. Limited parking for beach goers
- d. Dogs are allowed on the beach in a particular area
- e. Multi-use pathway parallels the roadway
- f. Two lane Roadway

Owdziej made the following motion: **The committee recognizes that a lack of parking is an issue on S. Lake Street. We advocate that the city considers ways to increase access to the beach in the future, including allowing parking on S. Lake Street.**

Kujawa seconded the motion. All in favor. Approved.

2. Front/Michigan Street Intersection

- a. "No Parking Here to Corner" sign request

Owdziej motioned that a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign be added on the east side of Front Street, south of the street's intersection with Michigan Street.

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Bates seconded the motion. All in favor. Approved.

3. Cleveland Avenue/Sheridan Street Intersection

- a. "Stop" sign or other remedy requested at the intersection, problems with speeding in the area.
- b. Multi-use pathway in the area crossing Cleveland Avenue

Captain Finkbeiner stated that he would locate the speed trailer at this location.

Owdziej made the following motion: **that a bike lane or other visual impediment be added on Cleveland Avenue to slow traffic and that a pedestrian crossing sign be located at the crossing of the street and the multi-use path.**

Bates seconded the motion. All in favor. Approved.

IX: Committee Comments:

NONE

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Owdziej motioned to adjourn; concurred by committee

XI: Time of Adjournment:

6:15

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 8-20-24

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 8/20/24

Two handwritten signatures are present. The first signature is in black ink and appears to be "Ryan Grim". The second signature is in blue ink and appears to be "James Finkbeiner".