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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
MINUTES 07/18/2023

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

II. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 4:02 pm

III. Roll Call:

Present: Chair Bard Owdziej, Vice Chair Orville Dishno

Excused Absence: Al Sherbinow

Others Present: Liaison Captain J. Finkbeiner

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Dishno, seconded by Owdziej. Approved.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Minutes submitted by Barb Owdziej. Motion to approve by Dishno, seconded by Owdziej. Approved.

VI: Public Comments:

None.

VII: Old Business:

A general orientation session and training is still being worked on for all city committees.

VIII: New Business:

1. Third Street Marketplace – Unloading Zone/ Short term Parking Request

Per DDA and Joe Constance, as described by Captain Finkbeiner, 3rd Street Marketplace is asking for assistance with designating a loading zone at the

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newly renovated Marketplace location. The current lot is unsuitable for a large truck due to limited turnaround space. DDA does not want to designate a full-time loading zone, or a limited (15 minute or so), zone due to restricted parking and difficulty monitoring. There is a suggestion for a limited time, likely in the am, when parking demands are less. Safety concerns are raised regarding visibility at the corner of Magnetic/3rd if a semi is parked in the area north of the northernmost driveway. More information is needed, Mr. Constance was not present to address the logistics of the needs/vehicles/schedule. The item will be moved to next month's meeting to make a further recommendation.

2. Lakeshore Boulevard & Pine Street Area

People are parking on both sides of Pine St, before the intersection at Lakeshore (assuming to access the beach path across lakeshore). People exiting their vehicles on the south side are vulnerable to oncoming traffic approaching from those traveling north on Pine. This area follows a blind, 90 degrees turn from north-bound Pine Street vehicles. Vehicles are also parked on the north side of Pine, reducing visibility at this intersection.

This intersection contains a marked pedestrian crosswalk which allows access to the beach. The committee recommends that the city erects signs banning any parking on the south side as well as limiting parking on the north side. A distance of one car length from the Lakeshore intersection was recommended. Finkbeiner will have this area measured for proper placement of recommended signage. "No parking, here to corner on north side"

The pedestrian crossing sign on northbound Lakeshore, proceeding the crosswalk is overgrown and needs to be cleared. Captain Finkbeiner will request the city clears this area of vegetation.

The committee also recommends the city install a pedestrian walkway on the north side of Pine (in the triangle area), connecting the 2 multi-use paths as currently pedestrians are using the road to get to the lake access site

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3. City Commission T & P Committee Presentation

Moved to the Monday, December 18th City Commission meeting.

4. TPAC Organizational Structure & Goals

The committee unanimously voted to adopt the name **"Complete Streets Advisory Committee"** as it more accurately reflects the mission statement of this committee. Finkbeiner will consult with city management as to the logistics.

For now, we will try to set the agenda at least 10 days before the next meeting (the Friday before the preceding week). Ideally, these agendas are posted to the city website in advance for interested residents. Jim will check on the logistics/timing for agenda submission.

5. The committee has recently lost several members and needs to recruit new ones.

6. Morgan Creek Trail and M553 Area Update

Captain Finkbeiner has been working with MDOT regarding the dangerous parking situation at Morgan Creek Trail/M553. He is confident that a long-term solution will be found, but temporarily parking is restricted due to the installation of cones. This area is only getting busier, and speed is an issue.

7. Wright Street/Sugarloaf Avenue Area Update

There have been additional safety measures installed by the city using safety funding as part of Wright Street improvement with the funding being part of an agreement with Eagle Mine. This "safety money" has been spent on additional lighting and flashing pedestrian crosswalk signs. This money can only be used in areas affected by the road improvements needed by mining vehicles.

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IX: Committee Comments:

Orville Dishno

Requests that the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee sheet be updated with correct titles, times, and location. He also asked about any results from the new speed trailer Cpt Finkbeiner hasn't evaluated the data, yet, but is confident that this equipment will provide helpful information in identifying issues with speeding and traffic flow.

Orville asks about parking to close to mailboxes; Jim reports he hasn't found any enforceable regulations. Orville asks about past recommendations about parking, specifically parking on W Baraga, (public works states no materials) Prospect/3rd St, and area on Wright St, east of driveway into NMU dorms on south side of street. He also asked about committee input around the social district area. Jim states there haven't been any issues, though mentioned that Music on 3rd street is an ongoing area of concern and attention. Orville asks for definition of a loading zone.

Barb Owdziej

Commented about her ongoing concern around music on third, adding alcohol and no street closures. She thinks it's a safety concern and as a committee we should advocate for street closure. She also asks about speed trailer data and next steps to improve safety in areas, specifically Pine/E. Fair intersection. She pointed out that a previous MPD Chief had indicated the 4-way stop was removed because "that intersection was never designed for a 4- way stop". Jim promised to inquire about the next steps in evaluating re-installing the 4-way stop, he will consult with the city planners.

X: Public comment:

Risa Bernard asks that the committee address issues at Division/ Genesee, intersection. She reports there are safety concerns due to parking and visibility at that corner. This will be added to next month's agenda.

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XI: Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by Chair Barb Owdziej with agreement by Vice Chair Orville Dishno.

XII: Time of Adjournment: 5:30 pm

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 8-15-23

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 8/15/2023

Two handwritten signatures are present. The first signature is written over the "Approved by Chairperson" line and the "Date: 8-15-23" line. The second signature is written over the "Accepted by Committee Liaison" line and the "Date: 8/15/2023" line.