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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 08/12/2025

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

I. Meeting Called to Order:

5:03

II. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner

IV: Approval of Agenda:

The approval of the agenda was motioned by Bates; seconded by Norman. Approved.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kujawa

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

VI: Public comments:

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James Senior, Marquette resident of the 700 block of W. Magnetic Street, commented on the high traffic speeds and traffic volume on W. Magnetic Street. Mr. Senior stated that the speeds of traffic make it unsafe for children to play in front yards. The residents of the 700 block of W. Magnetic Street held a meeting to discuss traffic issues. The residents requested the installation of a stop sign at the intersections of Magnetic Street and 8th Street; and Magnetic Street and Northrop Street as a means to calm traffic.

AJ Skamser of 413 W. Michigan St. complained of speeding on Michigan St. between 4th and 7th Streets. Of special note, she noted that the school busses often speed during their routes.

Sarah Moyle, of 420 W. Michigan St., and having a family home at 730 W. Magnetic St. commented on traffic speeds on both Michigan St. and Magnetic St. Ms. Moyle noted that high traffic volumes on Magnetic St. has been a problem since College Avenue has been closed for the old hospital demolition. Ms. Moyle noted that Magnetic St. has long blocks that naturally encourages speeding. Ms. Moyle agreed with James Senior that stop signs would calm traffic. Ms. Moyle hoped that College Avenue could be reopened.

Linda Thierry, of 448 W. Hewitt, commented on high traffic speeds and volumes in front of her home. Ms. Thierry noted that because the street is wide, many cars use it as a throughfare. Ms. Thierry also noted that there are sidewalks on only one side of the street.

VII: Old Business:

None

VII: New Business:

- 1) E-bike Task force Committee Update(s) and discussion – particular topics to be determined by the committee.

The members of the E-bike task force are meeting every week, and the group will aim to finish its discussions in four months.

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- 2) Speeding/Traffic on West Magnetic Street from 7th – Lincoln Avenue
 - a. Uptick in traffic numbers
 - b. Looking for a Stop sign to be added at 8th Street
 - c. West College Street Status (500-600 blocks; old hospital area)

The committee recognized the increased traffic volumes on W. Magnetic Street since the closure of College Avenue due to the old hospital demolition. The committee believes that traffic calming measures would help to lower traffic speeds. These traffic calming measures could include the addition of stop signs. A stop sign might be especially welcome at 8th Street and Magnetic Street, as pedestrians access the fit strip here and the intersection serves as a school bus stop.

Ms. Owdziej commented that the high traffic volumes on Magnetic Street are due to College Avenue being closed for construction. Because the old hospital construction will not be complete for many years, Ms. Owdziej argued that it would be a due burden on the adjacent streets if College Avenue remained closed.

It was recommended by Barb Owdziej, and supported by Jerry Kujawa, to recommend that College Avenue be reopened to more evenly distribute traffic on the nearby East-West streets. All in favor. Motion passes.

- 3) Clark Lambros Park and Parking Lots
 - a. " No Overnight Parking" signs clarification

Officers have reported that some campers have been parking at the parking lots at Clark Lambros Park. Although the park closes at 11:00 pm, the signs at the parking lot only state that there is no overnight parking, with no specific times for when parking is prohibited.

It was moved by Barb Owdziej and supported by Travis Norman to recommend that signs indicate that parks close at 11:00 pm be added at the parking lot of Clark Lambros Park and at any other park parking lots deemed appropriate by public works. All in favor. Motion passes.

- 4) McClellan Avenue/Washington Street – US 41 Bypass Intersections

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a. Traffic Accident Concerns

With the presence of multiple bike paths meeting at the McClellan Avenue and Washington Street intersection, the committee believed that the intersections should be incorporated into the city's active transportation plan to create a safer traffic pattern for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. The committee also believes that clearly designating the paths would help enhance path connectivity.

IX: Committee Comments:

Ms. Benda informed the committee that she would be taking a temporary post out of state and asked if she could join the meetings by phone. The committee feels this would be acceptable.

Mr. Kujawa asked to discuss the traffic issues brought up during public comment on W. Magnetic St., W. Michigan St., and W. Hewitt St. at next month's meeting, and to discuss the possibility of adding stop signs at W. Magnetic St. and 8th Street/Northrop Street.

Ms. Owdziej commented that speeding on Fair Avenue is still a persistent problem.

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Owdziej motion to adjourn. Concurred by committee.

XI: Time of Adjournment:

6:45

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 9/9/25

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 9/9/25

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