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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
MINUTES 08/15/2023

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:

1. Zach Young spoke:

regarding an event he had organized to promote One Wheeling (motorized 1-wheel device), usage of city streets and the multi-use path in the city. He has made multiple contacts with city departments as well as NMU in his attempt to improve the image of the one-wheeler. He would like to promote understanding, tolerance, and accessibility throughout the city. At this point, technically one-wheelers are not allowed on the city multi-use path. He reported cooperation with city PD, but some intolerance and safety issues with some drivers.

Marquette PD states they warn and try and educate rather than issue tickets to those that violate the allowable users on the multi-use path, and

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issue only when they have complaints and safety concerns. City ordinance prohibits any motorized vehicle, other than a class 1 e-bike, access to this multi-use path. It is extremely difficult for an officer to discern different e-bike classifications through direct observation. Mr. Young points out that one-wheelers are obviously visible as they have no motionless option.

Captain Finkbeiner will consult with the liaison of the Parks and Rec department regarding their level of attention to public concerns. This committee requests a possible collaborative effort as those not able to access the pathway, due to violation of city ordinances, have no other option than to utilize city streets and sidewalks.

2. Leslie Patrick discussed her concerns about the safety issues due to speeding and lack of the 4-way stop at Pine and Fair. She specifically noted the number of children trying to cross Fair to access Lakeview as well as the skate park. She would like to see the reinstallation of the 4-way stop. Captain Finkbeiner has consulted with city engineering who will research and provide an answer as to why the 4-way was removed.

Captain Finkbeiner assured her and the committee that this area was in the queue for further study, citing the need for traffic study.

VII: Old Business:

1. City Commission T & P Committee Presentation

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

VIII: New Business:

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

- a. Tabled due to Mr. Constance not appearing at the committee meeting.

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3. Lakeshore Boulevard & Pine Street Area

- a. Clean up for pedestrian X-walk sign on northbound Lakeshore in queue
- b. Parking restriction on S Side as well as restriction of parking on N Side has been approved by city engineers and is also in the queue. Measurement of this area is needed and will be sent to the city commission for approval when completed.
- c. Sidewalk installation in triangle, connecting bike paths is "on the list", depending on finances

4. Timing on the Fair Avenue/Wright Street Traffic Signal

- a. Fair/Wright St light, request for timing change because of light timing at Fair/McClellen. -Engineering felt that the traffic through this intersection is too light for their consideration.

5. Miscellaneous Traffic /Parking Concerns

- a. Parking sign instillation has been achieved at Prospect/3rd (issues with access for residents)
- b. Parking signs requested on South side of Wright, by NMU
- c. Request made for re-stripping of areas covered by mining traffic money
- d. City is re-doing intersection marking, this seems late in the season as winter plowing will significantly impact the integrity of the painting.

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IX: Committee Comments:

Orville Dishno

He appreciated the definition of loading zone.

He noted parking on Lakeshore, between 2 driveways into Clarks Landing, requested signage to prohibit parking.

Orville requests we keep public comments to a 3-minute limit.

Barb Owdziej

Noted intolerance of drivers (honking, not allowing comfortable clearance) while she is using the street with a class 2 e-bike (not allowed on the multi-use path).

She also advocates for sooner vs later attention to Fair/Pine

She asks if 4pm meeting time is conducive to public involvement, noting the current membership of 3 on the committee (discussion was made, agreed to keep at this time for now)

Captain Finkbeiner

Captain Finkbeiner points out that city streets are meant to be used by bikes as well as all forms of motorized traffic and that those alternative forms have as much right to the street as cars and trucks. He is considering social media posting.

X: Public comment:

None.

XI: Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by Chair Barb Owdziej with agreement by Vice Chair Orville Dishno.

XII: Time of Adjournment: 5:14 pm

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 9-19-23

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 9/19/23

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Orville Dishno" and the second signature is "Barb Owdziej".