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City of Marquette  
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee  
Minutes 09/09/2025

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

**I. Meeting Called to Order:**

**II. Roll Call:**

Present: 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:**

Nicole Bates motioned to approve the agenda. Grant Combs seconded the motion.  
Approved

**V: Approval of minutes:**

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kujawa

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

**VI: Public comments:**

None

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**VII: Old Business:**

None

**VII: New Business:**

1) E-bike Task force Committee Update(s) and discussion

- A. Task force Committee Minutes Update
- B. E-bikes/bikes on the roadways
- C. E-bikes/bikes on the sidewalks

- C1. Downtown Business District sidewalks
- C2. Other city sidewalks

With some classes of e-bikes not being allowed on the lakeshore multi-use path, Barb Owdziej wanted to emphasize that our city streets should be safe enough for e-bike users. Owdziej proposed adding bike lanes on Lakeshore Boulevard to accompany e-bike users and other cyclists.

The committee concluded that Lakeshore Boulevard is likely too narrow to support bike lanes, yet the committee believed that signs should be added on Lakeshore Blvd to alert drivers of the possible presence of bicyclists.

**With the increased use of e-bikes and pedal-powered bikes on Lakeshore Blvd, we recommend signage to alert drivers to share the road between Lower Harbor and Fair Street and to notify drivers to give cyclists 3' of clearance when passing. All in favor. Motion passes.**

The committee also discussed the safety of bicycles on city sidewalks.

**The committee recommends that all bikes on sidewalks shall ride responsibly and yield to pedestrians.**

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2) Speeding/Traffic on West Magnetic Street from 7<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln Avenue

A. Traffic Concerns in the area of the old hospital

- A1. West Magnetic Street
- A2. West Michigan Street
- A3. West Hewitt Avenue

The committee learned that the city intends to keep College Avenue closed during the former hospital area redevelopment yet believes that this places a burden of increased traffic on the surrounding streets.

**Due to the large number of residential complaints, we recommend that the city works with the developer to see that College Avenue is reopened. All in favor. Motion passes.**

In addition, the committee discussed the complaints of residents on Magnetic Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue regarding high traffic.

**The committee recommends that traffic calming measures be implemented on Magnetic Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue, whether by adding a stop sign on Magnetic Street at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street, utilizing paint to visually narrow the road, or including a neighborhood traffic circle, a traffic calming measure used in other cities. All in favor. Motion passes.**



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3) South Lake Street Parking Question(s)

The committee learned that the No Parking Signs on South Lake Street have been removed, allowing parking on the street.

**IX: Committee Comments:**

Travis Norman questioned cars parking on the paved surface off Grove Street, south of US-41.

Captain Finkbeiner noted that this surface is not a bike lane, but a maintenance strip. As cyclists and pedestrians use this surface as a bike lane, the committee discussed designating this surface as a bike lane.

**It was motioned by Travis Norman, and supported by Jerry Kujawa, that the committee recommends that the paved surface alongside Grove Street between US-41 and M-553 be redesignated as a multi-use path, with the intention of prohibiting parking and allowing pedestrians and cyclists safe access.**

Mr. Norman also inquired if the city could charge for parking in the downtown district during weekends rather than just on weekdays.

**X: Motion to Adjourn:**

Barb Owdziej motioned to adjourn. Concurred by committee.

**XI: Time of Adjournment:**

6:40

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

Date: 10/14/25

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

Date: 10/14/25

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