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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
MINUTES 09/19/2023

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

II. Meeting Called to Order: Chair Owdziej called to order at 4:05 pm.

III. Roll Call: Recognition of new members on the committee:

1. Colleen Roberts
2. Gerald Kujawa

Present: Vice-Chair Orville Dishno, Chair Barb Owdziej, Colleen Roberts, Gerry Kujawa, and City of Marquette liaison Capt. James Finkbeiner

Excused Absence: Alan Sherbinow

Others Present: None

IV: Approval of Agenda: Dishno motioned to approve, 2nd by Kujawa.
Agenda approved.

V: Approval of minutes: Dishno motioned to approve, 2nd by Owdziej
Minutes Approved.

Minutes submitted by: Barb Owdziej

VI: Public Comment/Committee Member Comment:

New members introduced themselves:

Colleen Roberts: a retired Munising teacher and Marquette native. She is concerned about developments within the city and how these will impact issues around parking and streets.

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Gerry Kujawa: Jerry moved to Marquette a year ago and is hoping to participate in making streets more compatible for walking and biking, specifically "safe streets".

Owdziej reviewed the Mission Statement for the Committee and clarified the role of the committee as being an advisory committee for all the streets in Marquette. She mentioned that the secretary spot is open and as the current chairperson, she is willing to give up her spot if someone else on the committee is so inclined.

Captain Finkbeiner addressed previous committee concerns and concerns mentioned by one of the new members Colleen Roberts. Captain Finkbeiner has spoken with Kellen Wessels (city engineer) who is willing to work with the committee around logistics and barriers to changes needed to make streets/multi-use path safer. The committee is still unclear around the priority of multi-use path issues in the Parks and Rec department.

VII: Old Business:

1. Third Street Marketplace – Unloading Zone/ Short term Parking Request
 - a. The committee has agreed to remove this from our agenda as we haven't heard from Mr. Constance about this issue.
2. Mining Safety Funds Corridor Update for Painting
 - a. Jim reviewed the use of mining money for street/safety improvement. The upgrade to Wright Street included funds appropriated for street improvement in a limited area affected by mining truck traffic. There is no clear plan currently for re-painting.
 - b. Currently there is a proposal to extend the bike path between the Tourist Park entrance and Hawley Street.

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VIII: New Business:

1. Sheriff's Department Parking Area Request – Update

- a. DDA requests/desires on any possible changes
- b. Sheriff's Department requests/desires
 - 1a. Parking adjustments at the Sheriff's department were discussed. Due to the location of the handicapped spots, the committee's previous recommendation is impractical. A new motion was made and approved by the committee to change recommendation to accommodate handicap spots more efficiently. Two (2) spots East of the sidewalk area and next to a handicap spot were recommended to be designated for "Police or Sheriff Use Only".

2. Division Street near Genesee Street Parking Concerns

- a. 1100 Block Division Street parking guidelines/ traffic flow
- b. Options for changes in the area
 - 1a. Division Street /Genesee. At the corner on northbound Division Street, there are issues with visibility and congestion at the intersection. The west side of Division allows parking without restriction the entire length of the 1100 block. The east side limits parking near the corners with signage. The committee recommends that the city erect no parking signs at the same location as those posted on the east side, restricting the proximity of vehicles near the intersection.

3. Grove Street Bike Path/Sidewalk Issues

- a. Specifically, the 700-800 Blocks of Grove Street
 - 1a. Grove street (Hard Shoulder) questions/concerns. Captain Finkbeiner received a concern from a resident on Grove Street regarding parking on the newly paved elevated hard shoulder on the west side of Grove Street in the 700-800 blocks.

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This particular area is currently being studied by city engineers to determine what, if any, changes can be made to manage bikes and pedestrians in the area safely. It is Not designated as a sidewalk or multi-sue pathway. Currently there is no parking restriction in this area, and the resident has noted that bikes and pedestrians are using this as a path quite frequently and would like to see it become a signed area such as a multi-use path or sidewalk.

IX: Committee Comments:

- Dishno: Clarification on the truck route on McClellan; asks about a work order for No Parking at Lambros Park section of Lakeshore boulevard between the entrance/exits of the park.
- Roberts: "I have a lot of learning to do."
- Kujawa: Concerned about committee process, use of Robert's Rules of Order; just wants to make sure he is following protocols correctly.
- Owdziej: Asks about appearance of agenda and minutes on the city web site.
- Captain Finkbeiner: explains that any items could be added to the agenda by emailing him with the goal being to have these submitted a week before the meeting so that they can be viewed by the public prior to the meeting.

X: Time of Adjournment: Adjourned 5:15 pm

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 10-18-23

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 10/17/23