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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 9/17/2024

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

I. Meeting Called to Order:

5:03 PM

II. Roll Call:

Present: Nicole Bates, Gerald Kujawa, Travis Norman, Barb Owdziej, Courtney Jennifer Rajt

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner; Marquette Resident, Julie Banda; Marquette City Planner, Dave Stensaas, Eric Paupore, Marquette City Manager, Karen Kovacs

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Kujawa motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Rajt. Approved.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by Jerry Kujawa

The approval of the previous meeting minutes was motioned by Bates. Seconded by Norman. Approved.

VI: Public Comments:

Julie Banda, Marquette resident of 123 Rock Street, has observed persistent speeding issues at Rock and Front Street. Ms. Banda thought that a crosswalk from Rock Street to Father Marquette Park would help pedestrians safely cross the street to access the park.

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City Planner, Dave Stensaas, mentioned that his department is looking at the potential of a bike lane on Front Street at this location. A bike lane would visually narrow the road, reducing the likelihood of cars speeding.

Norman noted that the Arts and Culture office will be occupying the space near this location and wondered if Arts and Culture would be interested in taking on a street art project that would help to slow traffic.

The committee felt that a slower traffic speed on Front Street would result in safer conditions.

Kujawa motioned that the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph on S. Front Street from downtown to the roundabout at Highway 41. Bates seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passes.

VII: Old Business:

1. E-Bike Sub-Committee Status Update

Captain Finkbeiner informed the committee that Marquette police have been patrolling the bike path, educating e-bike users of the governing rules for e-bikes on the trails.

City manager, Karen Kovacs, mentioned the city's plan to improve the lakeshore path and Marquette's bike infrastructure. A consultant would be hired by the city. Ms. Kovacs also brought up the possibility of volunteers educating trail users of proper trail behavior and etiquette

VII: New Business:

1. City Planner Dave Stensaas

a. Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card

Mr. Stensaas explained that Marquette earned the League of America Bicyclists silver rating despite receiving less than stellar scores in most

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categories. The report card is graded on a curve, and there is room for improvement for Marquette's bike infrastructure.

Mr. Stensaas listed current and future plans for Marquette's bike infrastructure, including a bike bridge at Front St. and Craig St, a bike tunnel at McClellan and Highway 41, and a trail extension at tourist park.

b. Community Program for Bike/Roadway Safety

The City Planning department is planning a bike rodeo which would encourage bike safety for young cyclists in Marquette. The bike rodeo could supply safety equipment to attendees.

Owdziej brought up the Safe Routes to School program, in which schools can apply for grants to receive funding to create safe pedestrian and cycling routes to school. Owdziej wanted to ensure that Marquette's schools are aware of the program.

Owdziej motioned that the city reaches out to the Superintendents of Marquette's schools to encourage each school to apply for Safe Routes to School funding. Rajt seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passes.

2. City Manager Karen Kovacs

a. Committee Name Change Letter

Ms. Kovacs explained that the City staff had discussed Traffic and Parking Committee's request to change the committee's name to the Complete Streets Advisory Committee. The City decided not to change the committee's name as the proposed name would not reflect the committee's comprehensive role in traffic and parking issues.

Ms. Kovacs stated that the city would be open to another name change proposal by the committee that reflected the committee's scope.

3. Washington/McClellan Intersection Safety

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Norman inquired whether a roundabout could be constructed at McClellan and US-41 to improve safety.

Captain Finkbeiner stated that this location was on the radar for a potential roundabout.

4. Front/Washington Intersection Safety

Rajt stated that crossing Front and Washington was unsafe for pedestrians due to cars making left turns from Front Street onto Washington. Ms. Rajt proposed that the traffic lights on Washington Street be changed to allow pedestrians a 5-second head-start to cross the street.

Captain Finkbeiner stated that he would ask the city engineers if such a change to the traffic lights was possible.

IX: Committee Comments:

NONE

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Owdziej motioned to adjourn; concurred by committee

XI: Time of Adjournment:

6:44

Approved by Chairperson: [Signature]
Date: 10/15/2024

Accepted by Committee Liaison: [Signature] - Captain
Date: 10/15/2024