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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes 10/15/2024

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

I. Meeting Called to Order:

5:05

II. Roll Call:

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

Excused Absences: Barb Owdziej

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Bates motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Norman. Approved.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by Jerry Kujawa

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

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VI: Public Comments:

None

VII: Old Business:

1. Jake Braking on McClellan and US-41

Norman has still been hearing Jake Braking at McClellan and US-41 and inquired if progress was made on the ordinance banning Jake Braking. Captain Finkbeiner said the ordinance was being worked on. When the ordinance passes, the local trucking companies will be notified to ensure their drivers are aware of the new rules.

2. Public outreach for good cycling etiquette

Captain Finkbeiner informed the committee that the police department held an assembly for middle schoolers to educate the students on proper cycling and e-cycling behavior. The police also patrolled the Lakeshore Bike Path in September and informed e-cyclists that only Class 1 e-bikes were allowed on the trails.

VII: New Business:

1. Front/Washington Intersection Safety/Timing of Pedestrian Lights

a. Timing of the Pedestrian Lights at some of the major intersections

Captain Finkbeiner informed the committee that making changes to the traffic lights would be complicated, as changes at one light effect the traffic flow at other lights

2. Iron Ore Heritage Trail/Multi-use Pathway at Lakeshore Boulevard & Spring Street Intersection

a. Safety at a "tough" corner

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Kujawa brought up that the bike path crossing at Lakeshore Boulevard felt potentially dangerous due to the blind corner and downhill slope of the path. Cyclists have a stop sign and car traffic does not stop at the intersection.

The committee agreed that some visible bike path signage or a painted crosswalk would help to alert drivers of cyclists crossing the road.

3. Mission Statement / Name Change Discussion

The committee agreed that a name change should be considered, and this name should emphasize the committee's focus on safety for non-motorized traffic. The name should be clear to the public. Suggestions for potential names included Traffic, Parking, and Mobility Committee; Traffic, Parking, and Active Transportation Committee; and Safe Transportation Committee.

IX: Committee Comments:

Rajt commented that cars often park in front of fire hydrants on the 100 block of Washington Street. Rajt believed that a new coat of paint in front of the hydrants would signal to drivers that parking is not allowed at the hydrants.

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Kujawa motioned to adjourn; concurred by committee

XI: Time of Adjournment:

5:55

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 11-19-24

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 11-19-24

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