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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
MINUTES 10/17/2023

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

II. Meeting Called to Order:

Called to order @ 4:15 pm

III. Roll Call:

Present: Orville Dishno, Gerald Kujawa, Colleen Roberts, Barb Owdziej, James Finkbeiner (Police Liaison)
Excused Absence: Alan Sherbinow
Others Present: None

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Colleen Roberts to add Committee Meeting times to agenda.
Approved by Dishno/seconded by Roberts. Approved unanimously.

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Barb Owdziej

Motion made to approve minutes by Dishno/seconded by Roberts. Approved unanimously.

VI: Public Comments:

None

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VII: Old Business:

1. None

VIII: New Business:

1. Committee Presentation to the Marquette City Commission
 - a. Date Change: New Date, April 8th, 2024
 - b. Topics of consideration for the presentation
 - c. Supporting material for the presentation
 - d. Who would like to give the presentation? What about an assistant?

Barb: believes it's important to emphasize applying complete street concepts throughout the city, that this reflects the values and priorities cited in the city's master plan.

Encourage development to promote walkability vs motor vehicle access. Emphasize completing biking routes as presented. Point out benefits of a roundabout (in terms of safety and speed control). Statistical evidence shows that walkable communities are more beneficial to local businesses.

Address that multi-use path is inaccessible to Class II and III E-Bikes, one wheelers, motorized skateboards, and scooters, and that those users ONLY option is to use city streets. She wants to remind everyone of the "studies" to improve safety and access to vulnerable road users.

Accomplishments and goals moving forward by the committee to include in the presentation:

Intersections @Pine/E Fair, Spruce/Hewitt, Lakeshore/Pine (need for ped sidewalk), Hampton/US 41 (multi-use bridge or safe crossing of the highway ideas), Lakeshore/W. Washington area (especially during summer festivals), McMillan/ Anderson, Grove St, Fisher/7th St (as people exit the roundabout) Speeding issues on Pine, E Fair, etc. (Captain Finkbeiner to complete this list)

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Gerald remarks that the city has failed to follow through on priorities listed in the Master Plan, that adopting Complete Streets can't be just on paper. He also remarked that city streets are not considered safe by many bikers, resulting in those using the streets tend to be the more aggressive, less law abiding (and are most visible, (giving bikers a bad reputation).

Orville would like the presentation to include a list of accomplishments of the committee and wants it to appear like the former presentations. He wants to define these specific areas worked on and he cites Anderson/McMillan, Tierney Street congestion and Genesee/Division visibility issue when asked to cite accomplishment.

Cpt Finkbeiner will compile a listing of areas the committee has discussed. He is going to sit down with DPW to encourage completing suggestions/recommendations made by this committee.

Gerald states that he approves of the general concept of Complete Street education to the city commission to encourage the city to put these concepts in practice. He asked about the next steps.

2. Seventh Street traffic signals; study & possible changes.
 - a. 7th/Magnetic Street
 - b. 7th/College Avenue

Cpt Finkbeiner stated the City of Marquette engineers have studied this area and have concluded that currently the lights don't fit this area. There will be changes at some point, but no firm plans to remove lights at this time. He wanted to keep us updated in "case we are asked". Finkbeiner stated the engineers would be consulting this committee and others in the future for input.

Barb asked: How can the city engineers justify studying an area that is currently undergoing dramatic changes that will affect traffic patterns and population distribution? She voiced a concern that there are many other areas that need to be

studied that are not in the process of major structural changes (like E Fair/Pine where the steady traffic of kids crossing without a protected crosswalk is a safer hazard).

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Colleen asked: Is there any current cost incurred by keeping the status quo/ until a more permanent pattern is established after the major reconstruction of this area? She suggests changing a light to function as flashing.

Orville is appreciative of being kept informed and asks if school traffic will be considered (high school) and requests consulting with the engineering.

Gerald stated that as a resident of the area and an avid biker, he has noticed the light at Magnetic/7th feels "unfriendly" and it is difficult to see if biking or walking and hopes this is considered.

3. Committee Meeting times each Month

Colleen asks if the time for each month's meeting can be changed, Gerald echoed the request to move the time back to accommodate members of the committee and their working schedules.

A motion was made by Roberts/seconded by Kujawa to move the meeting time back to 5pm. Motion passed unanimously to change the meeting time to 5pm.

IX: Committee Comments:

Barb asks that we look at some of these traffic issues differently, like advocating for school participation in encouraging less driving, and more bus use.

Colleen asks about the order of street regulation, if done before or after construction.

Orville states our responsibility is to review problem areas. Orville notes the lack of street markings this year. He reports that Scott Cambensy, Public Works Supervisor admitted that there was minimal painting of bike lanes or crosswalks. Orville verbalized frustration over completion timing with DPW. Cpt Finkbeiner will compile a listing of areas the committee has discussed. He is going to sit down with DPW to encourage completing suggesting made by this committee.

Colleen asks that the committee look at the locations of Lakeshore stop signs between Washington and Baraga for next month.

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X: Time of Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 11/28/23

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 11/28/23

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