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**City of Marquette
Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee**

MEETING MINUTES - 10/18/2022

- I. Meeting located in the Marquette City Police Department Conference Room
- II. Meeting Called to Order: 5:04 pm
- III. Roll Call:
 - Present: Orville Dishno, Jodi Lanciani, Barbara Owdziej, Jim Breitenbach, Alan Sherbinow
 - Absent: None
 - Others Present: Captain James Finkbeiner, Marquette Police Liaison
- IV. Approval of Agenda:
 - Motion to approve the agenda by Jodi Lanciani, seconded by Jim Breitenbach.
 - Approved unanimously 5-0.
- V. Approval of Minutes:
 - Motion to approve the minutes from 9/20/2022 by Orville Dishno, seconded by Alan Sherbinow.
 - Approved unanimously 5-0
- VI. Public Comment:
 - None.
- VII. Old Business:
 - Reviewed items from last agenda.

The possibility of changing the committee's name was again discussed. Barb suggested the name could be more reflective of the committee's goals and we could look at this as an opportunity to better define our goals.

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The committee's presentation to the City Commission in January would be the time to present a name change. Barb suggested "Streets & Sidewalks Committee." Jim suggested "Vehicle & Pedestrian Flow." Other members wanted to think more about possible names and whether they wanted to change the name.

Captain Finkbeiner will be sending out an example of last year's committee presentation.

Dave Stensaas will be at next month's meeting, which will begin at 4:30 pm.

Intersections and items to be brought to the Master Plan Committee:

- Spruce & Hewitt Intersection
- Fair & Pine Intersection
- Seventh St. Round-A-Bout traffic into the neighborhood near Fisher St

VIII. New Business:

1. McMillan/Anderson parking issue.

Captain Finkbeiner presented photos of the intersection and surrounding areas. One of the stop signs is nearly buried in cedar trees, despite those trees having been trimmed back recently. Parked cars make turning onto the street dangerous as visibility is low, traffic becomes 1 lane only, and there is a steep hill also limiting visibility.

Proposed solutions included eliminating parking closest to intersection, trimming the hedge near stop sign, allowing parking only on one side of the street or having no parking between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. due to the heavier traffic with this route being used for Bothwell School drop off/pick up.

Orville pointed out that eliminating parking may increase speeds. He also advocated talking to the neighbors as they may be aware of issues that we are not considering. Barb and Jodi would like to get the engineers and/or public works involved as it is a safety issue.

Captain Finkbeiner will have some police personnel try to talk with neighbors and he will reach out to the engineers to see if this is something they can address or whether it must go into the Master Plan.

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2. Pedestrian Crossing signs in roads:

These would only be available in good weather, and we would have to remove the words "state law". The committee elected to hold off on any recommendations at this time.

3. Crossing Guard at Graveraet School would like to see flashing lights on Front Street approaching the school intersection.

Captain Finkbeiner pointed out that they cost about \$3,000 each so funding would have to be looked at. There is a Safe Route to School Grant that has been mentioned to Barb, but she understands this grant must be initiated by the school. Also, the topic of having the same signs for other school areas was mentioned.

4. Rural Bikeways Planning/Design Class:

Available online in November for those who are interested. Links for it were passed on to the members.

5. Parking on Third St.: Visibility at intersections was discussed.

This is another item for the Master Plan engineers to potentially study. Parking at one point was increased by fitting spots in closer to intersections (within legal parameters). Third St. also was a one-way street a number of years ago.

6. Request for Crosswalk Painting on High St. Intersections:

This is probably not in the city's budget for next spring/summer as there are many areas needing painting.

7. Name change:

See old business.

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8. Problem Intersections to recommend to Master Plan:

Captain Finkbeiner is keeping a list of areas we are requesting be studied.

9. Complaint about engine braking on Wright St.:

Appears to be an isolated incident. There have been no further complaints and the Committee is aware, but no action needed unless this becomes a regular problem.

IX. Committee Comments:

Barb believes we should think about the goals of the committee and change our name to reflect those goals.

Orville wanted a list of committee members (which was provided by Captain Finkbeiner) and reminds us that there are two open spots.

No further comments

X. Motion to Adjourn:

Orville motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded the motion.

XI. Time of Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Approved by Chairman: _____

Date: 9-15-22

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 9/15/22

[Handwritten signatures]
- Captain