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City of Marquette
TPAC Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee
MINUTES 11/28/2023

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

II. Meeting Called to Order:

5:05 PM

III. Roll Call:

Present: Orville Dishno, Barb Owdziej, Gerald Kujawa

Excused Absence: Colleen Roberts, Alan Sherbinow

Others Present: Police Liaison Captain Finkbeiner, Joseph Buys, city resident.

IV: Approval of Agenda:

Approval of agenda with a modification to change the order of items discussed was motioned by Dishno; seconded by Kujawa. Approved. The presentation from city resident Joseph Buys will now precede the "Old Business".

V: Approval of minutes:

Minutes submitted by: Barb Owdziej

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was motioned by Dishno; seconded by Kujawa. Approved.

VI: Public Comments:

None

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VII: Old Business:

1. Committee Project Recommendations Status Update
2. 7th/Magnetic Street, 7th/College Avenue, College/Hebard Court Traffic Signal Update

Cpt. Finkbeiner reports all the recent recommendations made by this committee have been completed!!

He states the lights on 7th street at College and Magnetic streets have temporarily been covered. There is now a 4-way stop utilizing Stop signs at Magnetic and a 2-way stop at College Avenue and 7th street. North/South bound traffic will NOT have to stop at college Avenue for the time being. These are all temporary in nature. No final decisions on the area have been made at this time.

Hebert Court/College Avenue is now a 4 way-stop due to the construction/demolition at the old hospital. The Presque Isle and College Avenue traffic light will remain for now. Cpt. Finkbeiner will consult with the city engineering department to see about any possible order for a traffic study of the area before any change is put in place.

3. Washington St /Lakeshore

At a previous meeting, Colleen had brought up this intersection, asking the committee to look at that area. Cpt Finkbeiner reports this is an area that is also under development and likely will change the traffic patterns. Barb asked the question of why stop sign aren't in place for south bound traffic on Lakeshore Boulevard. Jerry voiced concerns about traffic and crosswalk safety. Orville stated that once the new buildings are up, it may warrant a change. This item has been tabled for now and can be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII: New Business:

1. Traffic Signal Light Concerns from Joseph Buys, City of Marquette Resident
 - a. Presentation on his concerns with the timing, location, and maintenance of traffic signals in the City of Marquette.

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Presentation by Joseph Buys:

He has concerns re: "ill timed" traffic lights, pointing out time waste, vehicle brake wear & tear as well as fuel consumption. Specifically, here is a short list of several traffic lights of concern.

1. Presque Isle and Wright -North/South bound - The wait is too long on Presque Isle Avenue.
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2. College and Presque Isle North/South bound - The wait is too long on Presque Isle Avenue.
3. Washington /5th – He questions the need for the light, it causes back-ups on Washington Street needlessly.
4. Magnetic/7th – He is asking why a 4 way stop sign is installed at the intersection rather than a two (2) way stop, favoring North/South traffic
5. Washington and 7th – He feels this a "good" light.

He reports that he has met repeatedly with city officials in the past, including the city manager, and city commissioners. It has been a few years since he has met with anyone, but really never got anything looked at regarding the topic.

He also was asking about traffic light maintenance. He'd like to see more attention paid to maintaining lights to make them more efficient. He asks for the committee to pay attention to lights around the city and possibly suggest to the city that a traffic study be done. Mr. Buys asked about the "plans" to connect all the lights to a central, easy to access control point, and believes they are wired for this type of communication. He was told there was an issue with the connectivity of the lights in various places in town. He believes changing the timing of traffic lights would "cost next to nothing".

End of Presentation.

Dishno states he's noticed the light on Wright/McClellan is long and questions the study that was done when the first round-about was installed. Dishno stated that engineering might be the best to ask regarding this topic.

Police liaison Captain Finkbeiner states that engineering recently studied some areas in town for traffic concerns, but wasn't sure of all the locations, other than

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7th /Magnetic and 7th/College and agrees that engineering has been helpful. He will consult his resources to try and get some answers. Finkbeiner also agrees there may be an issue with connectivity (in terms of lights on a system) as the police have noted areas of poor connectivity (like downtown for example) for other technology utilized in patrol cars at times.

Consultation list for several questions for engineering to possibly address:

Wright Electric oversees maintenance (as stated above) with additional information regarding cost to change timing.

Kujawa asks to clarify the process if the committee recommends a change, which is within the jurisdiction to recommend to the city.

Mr. Buys asks about contact info for city committee members. Captain Finkbeiner clarifies that contact information on the City of Marquette website is withheld for committee members privacy. All communication can be done through the committee liaison, Captain Finkbeiner.

2. East Washington Street/Lakeshore Boulevard Intersection

- a. Concerns regarding the sightlines in the area.

3. TPAC Meeting times/dates for 2024

- a. Dates/times due in the Clerk's office by 12/22/2023.

4. TPAC Presentation Work Session

- a. Captain Finkbeiner is working on the list of completed projects and will bring it to the next meeting and also suggested using some photos for the presentation.

Orville reports he watched the planning commission meeting and noted the concern over the lack of stripping of the roadways done this past summer. This committee agrees that painting road markings should be a priority early in the season. This should be brought up to the commission.

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IX: Committee Comments:

Jerry offered to do committee minutes starting next month.

No additional committee comments.

X: Motion to Adjourn:

Owdziej motioned to adjourn, concurred by committee.

XI: Time of Adjournment: 6:00 pm

Approved by Chairperson: _____

Date: 12-19-23

Accepted by Committee Liaison: _____

Date: 12/19/23

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