



City of Marquette, MI

Special Meeting Minutes Marquette Public Art Commission

Special Meeting: Cultural Trail Head Enhancements, Furnishings, Kids Cove
Thursday, May 28, 2026
6:00pm
Marquette City Hall: Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - 6:10 pm

Present: Emerson Graves, Brianna Hobbins, Alison Taras, Hannah Snow

2. Agendas

- a. Approve today's agenda
 - i. Alison motioned to approve agenda, Emerson seconded, All in favor
- b. Consent the minutes of the February 25, 2026 Special Marquette Public Art Commission meeting
 - i. Some verbiage changes for clarity
 - ii. Emerson motioned to approve, Brianna seconded, All in favor
- c. Consent the minutes of the May 14, 2026 regular Marquette Public Art Commission meeting
 - i. Alison motioned to move the consent of May 14, 2026 meeting to the regular June meeting, Brianna seconded, All in favor

3. Nomination and Election of Officers: Secretary

- a. Emerson nominated Hannah for secretary, Hannah accepts nomination
- b. Alison motioned to elect Hannah, Brianna seconds, All in favor

4. Announcements

5. Public Comment: Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments. The time for board members' response is at the end of the meeting.

6. Presentations

7. Officer Reports:

- a. MPAC Chair Report – Brianna Hobbins
 - i. N/A

8. Other Reports:

- a. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager

- i. Trailhead building work and renovations going well, expects it to be finished by August. States that if anyone asks why it is moving along slowly that it's because funding has been found along the way.

- b. Committee Reports

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Original Agenda Items For Special Meeting

- i. Kids Cove

- 1. Kids Cove Archway Signage

- a. Joe from *Signs Unlimited* will be invited to the June meeting to show MPAC a variety of fonts, items, colors etc. for the sign.

- 2. Kids Cove Mural

- a. Tiina is finding out if this can be pushed to next summer or if it needs to be completed by summer 2026. Will proceed accordingly based on this information,

- ii. Cultural Trailhead

- 1. Enhancement: Stained Glass Installation

- a. Molly Jackson, a stained glass artist. discusses various factors for structural supports needed for the window size. Molly will need to research and inquire how to create stained glass at the size needed. She wants to make sure she can complete a project of this size before committing or creating mockups. Several ideas were shared about how to install, what could be in the designs, community involvement. Molly will attend a future meeting with a proposal.

- 2. Recommendation: Furniture Review

- a. Discussed amount of furniture and how it functions in the space (accessibility)
 - b. Discussed color options from Hans:
from book - oregon, espresso, norway, hopscotch
from sheet - duramax, titan, lodge, mariner, union, varsity, sage
 - c. Discussed adding a bench to the conference room until more permanent furniture is decided upon.

- b. Additional Agenda Items For Special Meeting

- i. Freedom Monument

- 1. N/A

- ii. Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument

- 1. N/A

- iii. Trailhead
 - 1. N/A
- iv. Ceiling Sculpture
 - 1. Update - it's going well
- v. Public Art Landscape Installation
 - 1. Projected completion August or September with a spring launch/opening
- vi. Gilfoy/Horton Fireplace Tiles
 - 1. Looking to install around June 8th
- vii. Storymarker Exhibition: Loonsfoot-Aldred
 - 1. Projected completion by December, with a debut next spring/summer
 - 2. MPAC would like to see some rough sketches in July 2026
- viii. Marquette Lions Lakeside Park Sign
 - 1. Amelia has been meeting with Lions to apply for a Community Foundation grant for an accessible concrete ramp
 - 2. Lions have also funded the opening up of the lake view on the hillside
- ix. Interior/Exterior Enhancements and Installations

Things to consider in space:

 - 1. Sculpture/Other
 - 2. Projector Wall -

Discussion included: an intentional projection of art, an artist call for a variety of videography, potentially work with Fresh Coast Film Festival, nature cams, continuously open submission portal for the general public etc. Will revisit discussion in July
 - 3. Storymarker - placement options discussed
- x. Temporary Installations
 - 1. Table to June meeting
- xi. Mixed Media: Erich Eiben
 - 1. Table to June meeting
- xii. Three Squirrels: Emily Weddle
 - 1. Table to June meeting

10. New Business

- a. Additional Items For Special Meeting
 - i. Public Art Intern
 - 1. The current intern is contracted for 6 weeks, and would like to extend their internship. Discuss further at the June meeting.
 - ii. Trailhead Signage and Educational Materials

1. Table to June meeting
- iii. Pier Steppingstones Memorial
 1. Table to June meeting

11. Motions

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13. Comments from Commission members

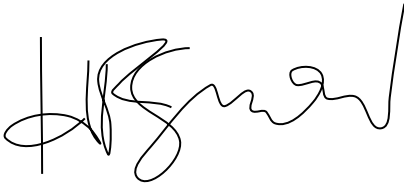
14. Comment from the Chair

15. Comments from the Staff Liaison

16. Adjournment - 8:26 pm

**Next Marquette Public Art Commission meeting: June 10, 2026 at 6:00pm. Marquette City Hall:
Commission Chambers**

Secretary:



6/10/26