



City of Marquette, MI

Meeting Minutes Marquette Public Art Commission

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
6:00pm

Peter White Public Library - Peter White Conference Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:03 pm

- a. Present: Brianna Hobbins, Alison Taras, Emerson Graves, Tiina Morin, Amelia Pruiett
- b. Absent: Abby LaForest
- c. Alison moved to excuse Abby LaForest, Emerson seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Agendas

- a. Approve today's agenda:
 - i. Alison moved to approve the agenda, Emerson seconded. Approved unanimously.
- b. Consent the minutes of the February 12, 2026 regular Marquette Public Art Commission meeting.
 - i. Alison moved to approve the minutes, Emerson seconded. Approved unanimously.
- c. Consent the minutes of the February 25, 2026 special Marquette Public Art Commission meeting
 - i. Alison moved to post-pone approval due to needed edits being on the person of an absent commissioner (Abby LaForest), Emerson seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. Nomination and Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

- a. Emerson moved to Alison to be elected as Vice Chair, Brianna seconded. Approved unanimously.
- b. Emerson moved to Abby to be elected as Secretary, Brianna seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Announcements

- a. Congrats given to the new Vice Chair and Secretary.

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

8. Other Reports:

- a. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager
 - i. Iris, Amelia, and Tiina reviewed the latest Cultural Trailhead deck designs.
 - ii. Budget was higher than expected, but project is important.

- 1. Black walnut is more expensive, but more durable.
- iii. Tiina presented to Marquette Harbor Rotary; illuminated aspects of cultural/capital enhancements regarding Cultural Trail.
 - 1. Group liked idea that Trail can be connected to civics-based dialogue.
- iv. Tristian is presenting at the Traditional Arts Festival.
- v. Tiina met with Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.
 - 1. Tiina wonders how we can collaborate and cross-pollinate w/ ACAC and other city committees, commissions, departments, and authorities.
- vi. Tiina met with local creatives who are trying to spearhead a "maker space."
 - 1. Tiina provided insight on community needs.
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Alison moved to create a subcommittee for work on 2026 Annual Commission Presentation to aid Brianna in the task, seconded Emerson.
 - 1. Alison and Emerson communicated interest in joining.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Updates
 - i. Freedom Monument
 - ii. Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument
 - 1. Tiina mentioned U.P. tribal members only feedback session at the Sault Tribe Center in Harvey, on March 23rd.
 - a. Jason, Tiina, and Amelia will be present.
 - b. Tiina will introduce the Forecast grant and the City's role; with focus on discussing ideas for use of granted \$30,000 for capacity building...
 - i. ...for use to acquire cultural education around indigenous-made public art.
 - c. Jason should have moquettes for Ishkode sculpture.
- iii. Trail Head
 - 1. MPAC funds to support Capital Enhancements
 - a. Budget Review Special Meeting follow-up:
 - i. Cultural Trailhead community wall ideas need more discussion (some discussion below in New Business).
 - 2. Ceiling sculpture
 - 3. Public Art Landscape Installation
 - 4. Gilfoy Tiled Fireplace
 - 5. Lions Park Sign

- a. Lions Club has agreed to provide \$20,000+ towards a sign that integrates public art.
 - i. Molly Jackson's stained glass and Gordon Gearhart's fish sculptures are mentioned.
 - ii. Amelia mentions a future RFP.
 - iii. Amelia mentions future public art/enhancement use of adjacent sidewalk.
- iv. Cultural Trail
 - 1. StoryMarker Art Exhibition: Sherri Loonsfoot Aldred art commission
- v. Kids Cove Signage: Sign company quotes
 - 1. Arts and Culture has requested 3 quotes from local companies.
 - a. In the process of logistical info exchange between City staff and companies.

10. New Business

- a. Budget review
 - i. Need to consider planning for future funds needed to digitize work for rotating Cultural TrailHead StoryMarker Art Exhibit
 - 1. \$10,000 for digitizing Sherri's paintings
 - 2. Ideas for future sponsorship discussed
 - ii. Increase Father Marquette Restoration from \$2000 to \$2500 needed
 - iii. Still unsure about pick-up logistics for Lundmark
 - iv. At least one Words to Live and Bike By need touching up
 - 1. Other touchups most likely needed with harsh winter
 - 2. Project re-eval needed
 - v. Funding a shared Arts and Culture/Public Art intern should be discussed.
 - vi. Cultural Trailhead Public Entrance Space
 - 1. Cultural Trailhead Community Wall
 - a. A combo map and public art gallery.
 - b. Ideas of simple shoreline mural with overlaid plexiglass inserts for rotating art shared:
 - i. Rotating art can be based on a given Cultural Trail Site.
 - ii. Raise plexiglass insert over to the right and move to various-height rows and allow for long bench below.
 - iii. Map as simple black contour line suggested.
 - 2. Arts and Culture seeking ideas for master calendar design of all local art exhibitions on opposite wall (with drinking fountain)

11. Public Comment: Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments.

12. Comments from Commission members

13. Comment from the Chair

14. Comments from the Staff Liaison

15. Adjournment: 8:04 pm

Submitted by Alison Taras

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Taras". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the top of the first letter across the top of the name.