



City of Marquette, MI

Meeting Minutes Marquette Public Art Commission

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
6:00pm

Peter White Public Library - Peter White Conference Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

In attendance: Alison Taras, Lauren Tilma, Jacqueline Wagner, Brianna Hobbins, Tiina Morin, Amy Stephens, Emerson Graves, Abby LaForest

2. Agendas

- a. Approve today's agenda

Motion: Motion to approve today's agenda with addition of Cultural Trailhead Loonsfoot Aldred Art Exhibition by Amy, seconded by Lauren. Approved unanimously.

- b. Consent to the minutes of the January 14, 2026 regular Marquette Public Art Commission meeting. Motion to approve January 14, 2026 minutes with minor edits by Lauren, seconded by Emerson. Approved unanimously.

3. Announcements

- a. City Commission had wonderful things to say about Ishkode Day.

4. 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.

5. Presentations

6. Officer Reports:

- a. MPAC Chair Report – Brianna Hobbins
 - i. We have three commissioners with their terms ending this month without renewal. Term limits are a bit of an issue and inconvenient to have multiple people leaving at once.

7. Other Reports:

- a. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager
 - i. Arts and Culture applied and were accepted to present at a conference in Grand Rapids. "Break It Down, Make It Better." Tiina is hoping to make the trip much more than just the conference, a PD opportunity with a great local art scene.
 - ii. Band Shell is well on its way to completion and looking amazing. Discussion was made about using the old bandshell pieces to make a sculptural entrance to the new area.
 - iii. Adjusting some titles along the Cultural Trail such as the "Historical Ore Dock" and the "Waterfront Boardwalk"

b. Committee Reports (as needed)

i. Newsletter

1. Three empty commissioner seats
2. Upcoming Events - Plein Air Talk, High School Art Show, Speaking Volumes at DeVos
3. This newsletter should be sent out this February

8. Unfinished Business

a. Updates

i. Freedom Monument

1. No update as of now

ii. Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument

1. Jason's contract is complete.
2. He will work on three designs before bringing us a design for MPAC to approve.
3. Invoice approval for \$30,000 to Jason Quigno for the down payment for phase two of the Ishkode Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument. Phase two is completely grant funded.
4. Possibility to contract with someone who would work on curriculum to educate the community. A suggestion was made to speak with Tanya Sprowl - the MAPS Anishinabe Educator.

Motion: Motion to approve payment of \$30,000 as a down payment to Jason Quigno for phase two of the Ishkode Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument made by Amy, seconded by Lauren. Approved unanimously.

iii. Trail Head

1. Ceiling sculpture - We will need to make adjustments to how we contract with Hans.
2. Jason Quigno small sculpture in the new space - Discussion of a small touchable Jason Quigno sculpture to introduce people to his work and encourage people to visit the Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument. Possible wall secured relief sculpture (a wave). Ideas were discussed.
3. Public Art Landscape Installation - March 9th City Commission meeting we will ask for the city to approve this installation. Several listening sessions have been included culminating in this plan.

The Cultural Trailhead should be completed near September of 2026.

Motion: Motion by Lauren, seconded by Jacqueline, the Public Art Landscape Installation design packet is ready to share with the public. Unanimously approved.

4. Gilfoy Tiled Fireplace - Tiina is putting together a packet to share with artists including all of the required materials. The budget should be \$6,000 and he will come to MPAC with a few concepts for us to discuss.
 5. Lions Park Sign - We approached the Lions Club with a proposal for a sign at the trailhead. They are thinking about it and will get back to us.
 6. Sherri Loonsfoot-Aldred Art Exhibition - Calling this Cultural TrailHead rotating storymarker exhibition "Anishinabe Star Knowledge Stories" concept for her artwork. She is interested in sharing her concepts with MPAC and the community.
 7. Trailhead Space for Children - Ideas were discussed about incorporating constellations, so children can look to the night sky and search for the constellations, on the wrap around deck.
- iv. Kids Cove Signage: no news, but funds need to be spent by December 2026.

9. New Business

- a. Schedule special meeting: Regarding Public Art Enhancements at Cultural Trail Head
- b. A special meeting is being requested to discuss capital enhancements, outreach materials, and educational materials in the Trailhead space.

Motion: Motion by Jacqueline, seconded by Alison, to approve a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 25th, at 6 PM to discuss capital enhancements, outreach materials, and educational materials in the Cultural Trailhead space. Approved unanimously.

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

11. Comments from Commission members

- a. Lauren, Amy, and Jacqueline will miss MPAC and look forward to joining in the future when they have more time.

12. Comment from the Chair

- a. Thanks to Lauren, Amy and Jacqueline for their service to the city through MPAC. They will be missed.
- b. Consider taking Vice Chair and Secretary seats, we will vote at our next regular meeting.

13. Comments from the Staff Liaison

14. Adjournment at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Wagner

