



City of Marquette, MI
Minutes
Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
5:30pm
Peter White Public Library - City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee was held at the Peter White Public Library, Marquette, MI, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The meeting was convened at 5:36 p.m. by Chair Maddie Goodman.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Maddie Goodman, Secretary Dr. Athena Stanley, Youth Representative Mateo, Kendal Mentink, Travis Gerhart, Walker Derby

Absent (Excused): Vice Chair Tom Adolphs, Johanna Worley (motion to excuse by Maddie, seconded by Walker, approved)

Staff Present: Tiina Morin

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Maddie, seconded by Kendal to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Maddie, seconded by Kendal to approve the minutes from December 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: None.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation(s): None.

Other Reports:

1. **Chair:** None.
2. **Staff Liaison – Tiina Morin**
 - Welcomed the committee back following the holiday break.
 - During the recent cold weather, heat was unavailable at Lakeview Arena for four days; staff were able to continue working off-site and from the Senior Center.
 - Appreciation was expressed for the way City departments collaborated and supported one another during the power and heat disruptions.

Old Business:

1. **Arts and Culture Update Follow-up Discussion**

- Discussion focused on the Office of Arts & Culture’s mission, responsibilities, projects, and initiatives over the past several years.
- Primary communication channels were discussed; radio remains a key method for sharing information related to the Cultural Trailhead, bandshell, and Arts & Culture initiatives.
- The Arts & Culture Center remains on track for an end-of-summer opening.
- One additional Seven Grandfathers statue will be installed.
- Members discussed opportunities to celebrate the opening of the new Arts & Culture Center in ways that complement the Seven Grandfathers installation.
- Brainstorming occurred around increasing interaction with Cultural Trail story markers.

2. City Commission Annual Presentation

- The Arts & Culture presentation is scheduled for March 30, 2026.
- Discussion focused on framing the presentation around:
 - What has been accomplished
 - What is ahead
 - Partnerships and grant awards
- Members discussed incorporating infographics, timelines, and/or visual markers, including content adaptable for social media.

Public Comment: None.

Comments from Board/Committee members:

1. ACAC Group Photo, March 2026 meeting

2. Community Engagement

- Discussion on increasing youth engagement, including the possibility of a newsletter tailored to a local youth audience.
- Members suggested exploring the feasibility of targeted social media advertisements.
- Consideration was given to engaging local media outlets, such as Marquette Monthly, to highlight Arts & Culture initiatives.

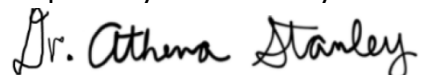
Comments from the Chair: None.

Comments from the Staff Liaison: None.

Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Maddie, seconded by Athena to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



Dr. Athena Stanley, Secretary
Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

2/3/2026

Date approved