

City of Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

April 4, 2023

5:30 PM

Minutes

Call to Order

- Jaime Weeder calls to order at 5:40 pm

Roll Call

- Jon excused absence
- Jaime, Maddie, Peter, Travis, Walker present

Public Comment

- Doug Garrison
 - Attended State of the Arts. Has the Master Plan Community Engagement Report been made public? Feedback on various areas of the Report is a way for the Committee to bring positive attention to the arts.

Consent Agenda

- Jaime motions to add officer elections under New Business, Maddie seconds.
- Waiting on delivery of January Work Session and February meeting minutes.

Reports

- Chair Report
 - State of the Arts was a great success, with many constructive conversations. A variety of attendees included two city commissioners and front-page coverage on the Mining Journal.
 - Town Hall in partnership with Senior Services facilitated great conversations.
- Manager Report
 - UPAACA wants to have artist in excellence across the U.P. to facilitate young artists across the region.
 - Public Gallery Program – Any tax funded art gallery will have same application and committee (comes with intern support). More applications than ever!
- Approved by Travis, seconded by Peter

Old Business

- Economic Impact Study
 - We have an extension to collect more surveys, 300 to go until completion.
- A&C Master Plan –Update printed in Art Week Magazine. Includes summary of findings from A&C Committee Work Session and State of The Arts Survey Results
 - Peter: The narrative that the arts take funding and do not support the city financially is detrimental. The miscommunication comes from the arts being

secular to the rest of the community, specifically people who aren't directly involved.

We need to report our impact for greater transparency; the impact of arts is not as cut and dry as other City Departments. Potential storytelling on the absence of Arts & Culture.

- Jaime makes a motion to have a meeting with the Master Plan Steering Committee/Consultants and Peter seconds.

New Business

- Art Week/Community Master Plan
 - Contacting people about project approvals.
 - Art Week magazine will feature a story on the State of the Arts.
- Cultural Trail
 - Invited Jason Quigno, an indigenous stone sculpture artist from outside of Flint, MI to include a sculpture at the entrance of the First Pier.
 - Applied for grants to bolster sculpture budget.
- Officer Election
 - Peter motions for Maddie to be Secretary, Travis seconds.
 - Peter motions for Travis to be Vice Chair, Maddie seconds.

Public Comment

- Doug Garrison
 - Is there a difference between Public Art Commission and Advisory Committee?
 - Yes, the Public Art Commission directly steers program direction, including projects, artwork selection, deaccession, maintenance and budget. The Advisory Committee advises only and does make program or budgetary decisions.
 - Does the OAC collaborate with NMU?
 - OAC primarily partners with NMU Art and Design, Theater, Native Studies, and Beaumier Heritage Center. Partnering programs include Artists in Excellence, Cultural Trail, Senior Theater Program, Exhibits, Art Week, and others.

Good of the Order

- Jaime is holding auditions for Hamlet.
- Tiina will be participating in Artists Way
- Travis now has official training for Ski Patrol

Adjourn

- Adjourn at 6:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Maddie Arquette, Secretary
Jamie Weeder, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie', with a large, stylized loop at the end.