

City of Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

May 7th, 2024

5:30 PM

Minutes

Call to Order

- Jaime Weeder calls to order at 5:37 pm

Roll Call

- Jaime, Madeline Arquette [Madeline A.], Madeline Goodman [Madeline G.], Mateo, Walker, Jon
- Travis excused absence
 - Madeline A. motions to excuse absence, Madeline G. seconds

Public Comment

- No comment

Consent Agenda

- Madeline G. makes a motion to approve past minutes, Jon seconds
- Madeline G. makes a motion to approve May meeting agenda, Walker seconds

Reports

- Chair Report – Jaime Weeder
 - Playing catch-up but excited to report on various Old Business items
- Manager Report – Tiina Morin
 - High school art show is this week!
 - Honor Credit Union is donating to Artists in Excellence
 - Ceremony at Negaunee high school to show the mural
 - Refining selection of architects for the new Cultural Center
 - Some terms are coming up for the Advisory Committee (we should receive advanced notice)
- Madeline g. motions to approve reports, Walker seconds

New Business

- No new business

Old Business

- Community Master Plan
 - This week the draft of the plan will be shared with the Advisory Committee
 - Alludes to aspects of arts & culture but it isn't explicit in plans and specifics
 - Look at how those excerpts to see how things could be integrated
 - Public Art Commission would like to collaborate on an official advisement
- A&C Master Plan

- Tiina will write an RFP for candidates in the local/Midwest area
- Economic Impact Study
 - Lack of capacity has prevented efforts to retrieve the data but it is on the to-do list for staff
- Art Week
 - Print materials are in review for final approval
 - Trying to refine Arts & Culture initiative(s) into a cohesive elevator pitch
 - Architects, project advisors, and more will be present to observe how the community interacts with arts & culture
 - People of Marquette soft-launch in tandem with events to incorporate IMQT partnership and DEI initiatives
- Band Shell
 - Jaime (chair) and office staff met with many different event holders and other presenters in the community to collect feedback with consultants
 - Could be featured as a community gathering place
 - Meeting was productive and the architects were very interested and actively asking questions related to incorporating parts of the old band shell into the new design and how to respect the surrounding outdoor area
 - Many current users of the space wish for things to be as similar to the old design as possible with technical upgrades to improve event/concert set-up and both user and patron accessibility
 - Evolving the space to suit more than just music events
- Annual Art Awards
 - Potentially hosted in a new location due to changes in the ownership of the Masonic Building (previous venue space)
- Cultural Trail & Center
 - Review of Consultant Presentation
 - Various highlighted project elements: systems, spaces, and designs
 - Storytelling is the primary goal
 - Building bridges across time and cultures
 - Investing in existing infrastructure
 - Using language about how this is a cultural asset for the city
 - Advisory committee “homework” is to gather our feedback on the presentation and deliver it to Tiina by May 13th, as well as answer the consultant’s questions that Tiina will provide via email post-meeting

Adjourn

- Adjourn at 6:58 pm



Madeline Arquette, Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Secretary