

Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Marquette, Michigan

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee was held in Peter White Public Library, Marquette, MI on Tuesday, July 1. The meeting was convened at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chair Tom Adolphs, Secretary Athena Stanley, Walker Derby, Travis Gerhart, Youth Mateo

Absent: Maddie Goodman (excused)

Staff present: Arts and Culture Manager Tiina Morin

Motion: Moved by Walker, seconded by Athena to excuse the absence of Maddie G.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Athena, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Travis, seconded by Walker to approve no minutes from June, as none were submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: None.

Public Comments: None.

Presentation(s): None.

Other Reports:

1. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager

Art Week 2025 – “Stories” Theme

- Appreciation extended to all participants.
- Shoreline Cultural Trail opening was a success.
- Positive feedback was received during one-on-one conversations with community members.
- Project Sparkle graffiti team was highlighted, part of the Marquette Beautification and Restoration Committee.

Public Gallery Opening in PWPL

- New artwork is now displayed on both upper and lower levels of Peter White Public Library.

2. Art Awards Committee

- Nominations have been collected; however, some categories have only one submission. The nomination window has been extended until Friday 4 July.

- Nominations remain open to the public, especially needed in the following categories: Writer, Organization, Performer.
- Tom will reach out to NMU's Art & Design Department with invitation to nominate.
- The Arts Awards Subcommittee will receive nomination packets next week and prepare recommendations for the full committee in August.
- Names of past award recipients are available through the Marquette Compass link.

Unfinished Business:

1. Art Week - Wrap Up

- Reviewed the Marquette Kids Quest activity booklet put forth by Mateo; encourages youth contributions to the Marquette Compass website.
- Public Art Commission's community weaving project; Athena volunteered for Art Week events.
- Over 70 events and 200+ artists were involved.
- Many groups expressed interest in continuing their Art Week initiatives independently.
- Notable highlights: DDA international mural project ("mural of faces"), Farmers Market flash mob, and the paint-off competition. (Celebrated Tamama initiative began during Art Week.)
- Reflection on how to support continued performances and community engagement.
- We served our mission in creating collaboration and connection.
- Committee members toured the Cultural Trailhead during its soft launch; engagement was high near the Seven Grandfathers installation.

2. New City of Marquette Culture Center

- Construction of the new facility will begin in the coming weeks. It is envisioned as a "third space" to foster community belonging and connection.
- Tiina considering making an invitation for ACAC members and the public to participate in a site-specific discussion at the new location.
- Discussion on potential NMU partnerships: exploring educational access, shared resources, and possible liaison roles or committees.
- Arts & Culture is expected to move into the space by October 2025, with full public programming anticipated by summer 2026.
- Tiina will provide a full presentation on the new facility at the August meeting.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers

New Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: Moved by Athena, seconded by Walker to put a vote up for Chair and Vice Chair in the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- A vote for Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the next meeting (Tuesday, August 5).
- Athena will send out a reminder email.
- The election will appear as the first item on the August agenda.
- Interested members should be prepared to briefly share their intent to serve.

Public Comment: None.

Comments from Board/Committee Members: Congratulations were expressed to all involved for a successful Art Week.

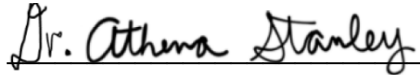
Comment from the Chair: N/A

Comment from the Staff Liaison: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Motion: Moved by Tom, seconded by Walker to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by



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

8/5/2025

Date approved