



**City of Marquette, MI**  
**Minutes**  
**Arts & Culture Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025**  
**5:30pm**

**Peter White Public Library - City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center**

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**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee was held in Peter White Public Library, Marquette, MI on Tuesday, August 5. The meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Vice Chair Tom Adolphs, Secretary Athena Stanley, Walker Derby, Maddie Goodman, Travis Gerhart, Youth Mateo  
Staff present: Arts and Culture Manager Tiina Morin

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Moved by Walker, seconded by Maddie to approve the minutes from July. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** None.

**Public Comment:** Ruby Miller introduced herself and shared her enthusiasm about meeting the committee.

**Presentation(s):** None.

**Other Reports:**

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

Cultural Trailhead Project

- The new trailhead project has been active with continued community engagement.
- Positive feedback was received; minor errors on story markers are being corrected.
- Planning is underway for Phase 2, which will focus on seating and gathering spaces.
- A BIPOC-focused tour was held; discussed inclusive programming ideas, such as poetry readings.

- Discussing having an Indigenous intern through the Forecast grant funding to support the Seven Grandfathers Monument.
- ACAC input will be key for future planning.
- Cultural Trail Committee: Plans to expand the trail advisory group this fall to broaden community representation.
- Public Performances: Ideas include cultural trail concerts or events in place of Art Week; review existing policies to ensure equity and accessibility for public performers.
- Sister Cities will partner with our office for the potential development of a Cultural Trail gathering space at Mattson Park (Phase 2).

#### New Arts & Culture Building

- Construction preparation is progressing.
- Bid process is underway with a \$30,000 contingency, well below the standard \$100,000.
- The City is not allocating general funds; matching grant dollars and private donors are being sought.
- Public opening of new Arts and Culture building expected in July 2026.
- The Peter White Public Library has assumed management of certain arts spaces; a reception is scheduled for August-September for the Deo Gallery (Sensoria Artist Collective – Umbilios (Multi-Media)) and Huron Mountain Club Gallery (AJ Jensen – M.G.H. 1915-2025 (Photography/Mixed Media)) on Thursday, August 14.

#### Upcoming Budget Considerations

- New budget responsibilities previously covered by PWPL (e.g., supplies, maintenance) have shifted to the Arts & Culture Center; must consider 2026–2027 fiscal needs.
- Budget lines are being reviewed for Annual Arts Awards and new furniture for the future Arts and Culture building; no longer need to budget for Art Week.

#### Internships and Staffing

- Seasonal workers performed exceptionally this summer; there is openness to more NMU interns in the future.

#### Preservation and Cultural Spaces

- Ongoing conversations around how ACAC can advise on preserving historical and cultural locations, including the lighthouse park and ore dock (with potential BotEco ideas; greenhouse site).

#### **Art on the Rocks Update**

- Tristan Luoma is passing the torch to Lex Exworthy, the new director.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### **1. Election of Officers**

**Motion:** Moved by Tom, seconded by Walker to approve Maddie Goodman as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**1. Art Award Selection**

The subcommittee, represented by Athena and Tom, presented their recommendations. After deliberation and voting, final award recipients were selected and confirmed by the full ACAC.

**Public Comment:** Ruby Miller expressed interest in potentially joining the committee. She will meet with Tiina and Maddie to explore next steps.

**Comments from Board/Committee members:** None.

**Comment from the Chair:** None.

**Comments from the Staff Liaison:** None.

**Adjournment:**

***Motion:*** Moved by Tom, seconded by Walker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

*Dr. Athena Stanley*

09/02/2025

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

Date approved