

# **CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES**

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Marquette, MI

January 11, 2023

Meeting began at 6:35 PM.

Present: Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes, Tracy Wascom, Hannah Milkie, Lance Larson, and Tiina Morin

## **I. Call to Order**

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom called meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

## **II. Roll Call**

Present: Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes, Tracy Wascom, Hannah Milkie, and Lance Larson. Absent: Kristina Behrens (excused)

## **III. Approval Minutes**

Motion by Steven Hughes to consent agenda, seconded by Linnea Gustafson. All were in favor. Motion by Steven Hughes to approve minutes, seconded by Lance Larson. All were in favor.

## **IV. Public Comment**

None

## **V. MPAC Chair Report**

Tracy Wascom – nothing to report.

## **VI. Manager Report**

Julie Highlen's exhibit up in the Deo Gallery. She has been successful with sales. Received \$4000 in grant funding for the Artists in Excellence program. Applied for Spark Grant for a Cultural Trailhead at LSCP building. Survey for the City's master plan is live. Share and get as many creative people as possible by Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> to fill this out. Art Week request for proposals goes live Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> brainstorming session for people that might not know how to proceed on proposals relating to the theme, "Home." Also, there is a \$5000 RFQ planned for a community artist in residence (possibly about city planning). City and PWPL formed Gallery Partnership. Working with NMU SoAD on a gallery internship.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **1. Updates**

- i. Artist's Directory/Marquette Compass – revisions have been made. Amelia will look into other ways to organize images.
- ii. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s) – committee meeting scheduled twice a month. Going through each site and developing a theme for the whole trail. RFP for signage in

early March. Not sold on one company doing all the signage. Are there other ways of telling the story than just signage – possibly more public art, benches, etc? Discussion of braille handrail that explains the landscape and view for those without sight. Will meet/speak with KBIC and be sharing possible sites. KBIC wants the most trafficked site for the public art. Ask if they would prefer a more directed RFP (home, medicine wheel, etc.) or a more open-ended approach to see how an artist might respond. We would like them to formally say, we trust you, a blessing, to go forward.

- iii. Collection Signage – Cook Signs, signage for work in our jurisdiction. One public art piece planned for signage is now gone (Jess Niemi, *Tiger and Deer Skulls*), as the Skate park has been scrubbed by the anti-graffiti folks. Cook Signs needs to know how are we putting 65% down? Tracy is talking with them Jan. 12. Braille has mandated spacing by the ADA, so the spacing on the signs may change a little when it is laid out officially.

## 2. To Complete

- i. Words to Live and Bike By – Linnea motioned that the sites below are chosen as the 5 sites for RFPs, Lance seconded. All in favor. We should begin thinking about the additional site for an MPAC-painted mural. Need a date for work-window from Tiina, to work backward for the RFP dates. Tracy will look over the earlier RFP and make notes.
  - 1. 7<sup>th</sup> Street across from Beacon House
  - 2. Behind hospital between tunnels/bridges
  - 3. Intersection of bike path with Center St.
  - 4. Kaufman Sports Complex parallel to Hawley
  - 5. Behind Huron Mountain Bakery.
- ii. Spear Dock – Max of 4 caps suggested initially due to unknowns of cost. Tracy will be talking with Dale Wedig for some background on the process and cost. Need to know from Tiina what are the available funds.
- iii. Rank Prismatic alternatives – Options from CREOS. 2-week installations. Pitch to Travel MQT, DDA and others in the community the first two options.
  - 1. Optik – \$40K (10 units) gyroscope mirror forms – color and light
  - 2. Oscillation – \$38K+ faceted forms with light/sound
  - 3. ~~Los Trompos – \$38 (8 units) colorful bands/seating jungle gym-like.~~ All were in favor of eliminating this one from the options.
- iv. Initial brainstorm of educational initiatives with Marquette Public Art. Moved to future meeting.

### **VIII. New Business**

None

### **IX. Committee Reports**

1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – nothing to report
2. Policy and Maintenance – Tiina found 2 other possibilities (conservators) to talk to. Will coordinate with Tracy prior to presentation before the City Commission on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **X. Good of the Order**

The Heikki Lunta Art Show Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1-3 at St. Paul's Gym, Negaunee

### **XI. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be 2/8/2023 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steven Hughes.



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