

**MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES**

February 9, 2022
Peter White Public Library
Marquette, MI

Meeting began at 6:36 PM.

Present: Linnea Gustafson, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens, and Tiina Morin.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

II. Roll Call

Linnea Gustafson, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens.

Absent: Steven Hughes (excused).

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Motion made by Linnea Gustafson to consent agenda; seconded by Kristina Behrens. All were in favor.

Motion made by Linnea Gustafson to approve December meeting minutes. Seconded by Tracy Wascom. All were in favor, minus one abstention (Kristina Behrens, who was absent for January meeting).

IV. Public Comment

None

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom provided updates on several items of old business. She has reached out to Veridea (specifically, Bob Mahaney) on funding for Prismatica. This initiative is to be revisited as we obtain additional information.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina Morin updated members that the Lake Superior Art Association board will be taking over management of the gallery, which will hopefully create additional capacity for Marquette Arts and Culture Center staff. Tiina Morin also updated on Christine Saari new exhibit and artist talk, as well as Art Week announcements going live on the following day, which she invited the Commission members to circulate among their networks.

Additionally, Tiina Morin updated on grants being worked on: \$8,000 from MCACA, \$200,000 additional in next two months, \$1.5M in COVID impacted tourism (with increase toward cultural trail). The cultural trail is to be discussed in further detail at next meeting (including tree and land acknowledgement plan).

VII. Special Presentation: GEI – Spear Dock

Postponed due to family emergency with scheduled presenter. To be rescheduled at upcoming meeting. Recapped that ideas (i.e. benches) were previously provided and this meeting will act as a check-in on recent progress. Tiina has re-circulated original emails for refreshed context.

VIII. Old Business

1. Creative Parks – Reviewed and revised language. A few finalizations needed for legal language. Tracy to send to Tiina as follow-up from the meeting.
2. Conservation Report – No update. Tabled further discussion for future meeting. Still need second and third quote. Tiina to follow up.
3. Signage for MAPP – No update. Tabled further discussion for future meeting.
4. Recruitment of new members to fill MPAC vacancy – One artist slot is open and two community member slots. Potential members must live within City of Marquette. Tiina to advertise for recruiting members. Commissioners to reach out among their networks. Term for Kristina Behrens is expiring; she will reach out to Sean Hobbins to renew.

IX. Committee Reports

1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – Info now website.
2. Public Art Inventory/Outreach/Artsopolis – Website getting ready to launch. Would like two to three sentences of description for each piece in the inventory. Tiina will send to Kristina the current status of each description, and Kristina to help in outreach to obtain descriptions.
3. Policy and Maintenance – No update.

X. Good of the Order

None.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be March 9, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Behrens.



Prepared for official upload (8/17/23) by T. Wascom, Chair of Marquette Public Art Commission