

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Cultural Center, Marquette, MI

February 12, 2025

- I. **Call to Order** 6:32 pm
- II. **Roll Call**
 - A. Present: Tiina Morin, Amy Stephens, Alison Taras, Jacqueline Wagner, Lauren Tilma, and Brianna Hobbins
 - B. Excused: Emily Lavoy
 - C. Motion to excuse Emily by Lauren, seconded by Alison
- III. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**
 - A. Motion to make edits to January minutes by Lauren, seconded by Amy.
 - B. Motion to approve January minutes with edits by Lauren; Approved by majority.
- IV. **MPAC Chair Report**
 - A. Stay healthy :)
- V. **Manager Report - Tiina Morin**
 - A. New exhibit with reception February 13th - Second Nature by Emily Weddle and Meredith Weddle D'Amore; Mixed Media, Deo Gallery. The exploration of the intersection of artmaking and motherhood through the collaborative artworks of identical twin sisters.
 - B. Art Week - Memo shared explaining why this will be the last year for Art Week.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. Updates
 - 1. Cultural Trail
 - a) Content design and wording for placemarkers is being worked on by Urban Ecosystems and the committee, collaboratively. Final draft will be in March with fabrication in mid-March.
 - b) Looking at funding from KBIC for the first installation of interchangeable art by Sherri Loonsfoot Aldred. The work can serve as a placeholder for if and when the temporary art needs to be taken down.
 - c) Motion to approve Sherri Loonsfoot Aldred as our story marker exhibit by Lauren, seconded by Brianna.
 - d) Trailhead - Bids for the construction were higher than expected. Items will be cut from the original plan, and we hope to have an official bid accepted in March with construction this summer. Lions

Club and the Beautification Committee could potentially serve as collaborators in the future.

- e) Thoughts and ideas were shared on how to honor the Lions Club and integrate them into the new trailhead with signage and other ideas shared.

VII. New Business

A. Oscillation

- 1. The Oscillation Final City Report was reviewed and ideas were discussed about future plans for incorporating public art during the Winter Light Festival. Thoughts were shared on what went well and what could be improved upon in the future. We discussed the potential idea for a RFP for public illumination art by early Summer for installation in December.

B. Art Week

- 1. News was shared that a motorcycle convention will be held in Marquette during the week of Art Week. We aren't sure what kind of effects this will have on Art Week at this time.
- 2. Ideas were discussed for storytelling during Art Week, potential workshops, public engagement and a collaborative community project.

C. Katers Charitable Foundation Harlow Park Monument proposal

- 1. The packet of information written by Iris Katers was reviewed with the plans for the two podiums.
- 2. Motion, by Alison, to accept the proposed podiums monument to the Marquette Public Art Permanent Collection, based on the current submitted design. Seconded by Lauren. Approved by majority.
- 3. We plan to continue to work with the Katers Charitable Foundation to improve the design of Harlow Park in the future.
- 4. We will aid in the installation of the podiums by July 4th.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission
- B. Newsletter - On pause for now

IX. Good of the Order

- A. Incorporation of Revolve into Art Week

X. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

- A. The next regular meeting will be at 6:30 pm. On March 12th, 2025
- B. Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Wagner

