

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center

March 8, 2023

6:30pm

Meeting began at 6:33 PM.

Present: Kristina Behrens, Tracy Wascom, Lauren Tilma, Lance Larson, Tiina Morin.

Absent: Hannah Milkie (excused).

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Kristina Behrens, Tracy Wascom, Lauren Tilma, Lance Larson.

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Lauren motioned to approve agenda, Lance seconded motion. All were in favor – approved.

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IV. Public Comment

None.

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom shared that she and Tiina met with Susan Estler from Travel Marquette and Tara Laase-McKinney from the Marquette DDA on collaboration opportunities on light and sound projects, as well as pursuing the CREOS Oscillation installation potentially for December 2023.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina Morin met with Susan Estler on opportunities to collaborate with local arts and culture organizations. Art Week planning in progress with lots of good submissions so far. Artists in Excellence team is working on a mural in an Ishpeming school. Tiina also shared that State of the Arts will take place March 30th from 6-8pm at the Ore Dock Brewing Company and asked the group to consider questions to send beforehand to help facilitate the working session.

VII. Old Business

1. Updates

a. i. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s) current status

- i. Tiina has been in contact with artist Jason Quigno. He is applying for the SHIFT Grant (up to \$100,000). Tracy requested access to Our Town grant materials and purpose statement of the Cultural Trail (Cultural Committee) to collaborate with Jason. Jason intends to draw 2-3 concepts, and prepare a stone model of selected design.

b. ii. Collection Signage update

- i. Invoice submitted, going into production next. Will need to stake out exact locations once weather permits.

c. iii. Policy and Maintenance; ranking of vendors

- i. Lance motioned to get a quote from Midwest and McKay. Lauren seconded – all were in favor. MPAC will review once quotes are received. Ideal timeline for conservation activities would be late summer or early fall.

d. iv. Spear Dock public art; benches

- i. Discussed a theme around connecting to community. At a future time, will need to look into etching services, etc (i.e. to refer illustrators, poets, and other types of artists to).

2. To Complete

a. i. Election: Vice-Chair of MPAC

- i. Group briefly discussed and decided to defer until April meeting. A Secretary will be needed too.

b. ii. Words to Live & Bike By; review draft application form

- i. On the Parks & Recreation board agenda for March 20th to approve locations. Reviewed the application that Tracy had prepared. Tracy will correspond with Tristan and Amelia on the format to launch to the public. A section to be added to ask applicants if they have a strong preference for their selected location(s) and why (with character limit), and also to add instructions on how to submit completed applications.

c. iii. Initial brainstorm of educational initiatives with Marquette Public Art; goals, potential deliverables, timelines

- i. Discussed engaging teachers. Specifically, Lauren will engage her colleague on potentially volunteering to help with next steps. Ideas include a quarterly interactive newsletter.
- ii. Lauren motioned to pursue producing an educational public art newsletter for local teachers with the help of a potential volunteer. Lance seconded – all were in favor.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Committee Reports (as needed)

- a. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission
 - a. No updates.
- b. Policy and Maintenance
 - a. No updates.

X. Good of the Order

Kristina thanked the group as it was her last MPAC meeting.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be April 12, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Submitted by Kristina Behrens.

Send Amy Stephens info



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