

**MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES**

March 9, 2022

Peter White Public Library

Marquette, MI

Meeting began at 6:44 PM.

Present: Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens, Tiina Morin, George Meister (GEI).

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

II. Roll Call

Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens.

Absent: None.

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Motion made by Steven Hughes to move up the Spear Dock presentation to be after Public Comment, and consent agenda with this change. Seconded by Linnea Gustafson. All were in favor.

Motion made by Linnea Gustafson to approve February meeting minutes. Seconded by Kristina Behrens. All were in favor, minus one abstention (Steven Hughes, who was absent for the February).

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Special Presentation: GEI – Spear Dock

Presented by George Meister, PE from GEI. Review of updates to overall site, including budget-induced modifications. Timeline for completion summer 2022. Discussed a potential partial circular area on North Pier site for public art. The group discussed this as a potential venue for a cultural trail project, possibly focusing on land acknowledgement theme. The South Dock will feature an area toward the end that may be a venue for interpretative art, as well as a long strip of landscaping in which public art could be embedded. MPAC is to review and provide feedback to GEI on desired locations for concrete pads for public art (preferably by mid-April, no later than mid-May). Reviewed options for benches for art cap (expectation is to have about four benches); MPAC is to provide feedback on this area as well. **Add both items to agenda for April 2022 meeting.**

VI. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom was in contact with a person who specializes in drone shows, and passed this on to Ore Dock light show organizers.

VII. Manager Report

Tiina Morin updated members that the staff is working with the Arts & Culture Alliance to attend grant training. They will be participating in Michigan Art Advocacy Month with state representatives to advocate raising the current state arts budget and reissuing COVID-related grants themed around arts and nature. Also updated that the Art Alliance will launch the art directory that evening. Art Week has been getting a lot of traction. Salamander Days program will be coming up soon too.

VIII. Old Business

1. Creative Parks – Online form done, got approval for Lighthouse Park from Parks & Rec commission. Need drawing of park to put with application, should be live this week.
2. Conservation Report – No update. Still need third quote.
3. Signage for MAPP – Previously reviewed. No “ND”, pull title if not named but will try outreach to artist first.
4. Officer Elections – Tracy Wascom elected as Chair, Steven Hughes as Co-Chair, Kristina Behrens as Secretary.
5. 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 (MACC will put out a call via print media and social media). Commissioners to reach out among their networks.

IX. New Business

1. Community Outreach – Discussed art week promotions (downtown day walking art tour on June 22nd, possible table for MPAC, promotion of Cultural Trail, etc.)
 - a. With regard to Cultural Trail, meetings are underway with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. An RFP may be initiated, but discussion pertained to first requesting the language for the treaty/land acknowledgement section.
 - b. Funding is allocated so far as \$30k from MPAC and \$57k of grant funding (to be initiated by October). The Cultural Trail as a whole is receiving 25% of \$250k allocated for shoreline restoration by Picnic Rocks. Additionally, the Our Town grant is still pending. Will find out later this year on a capital improvement grant for signage as well.

IX. Committee Reports

1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – No update, tabled for next month.
2. Public Art Inventory/Outreach/Artsopolis – No update, tabled for next month.
3. Policy and Maintenance – No update, tabled for next month.

X. Good of the Order

None. Tiina will be out of town for the April meeting; she hopes to join via Zoom and will identify a replacement city staff member.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be April 13, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Behrens.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Wascom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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