

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center

April 13, 2022

6:30pm

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Present: Steven Hughes, Tracy Wascom, Linnea Gustafson, Kristina Behrens, Tristan Luoma, Doug Garrison, Alyssa Barker, Kevin Dorr.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:30 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 approve March meeting minutes. Seconded by Linnea Gustafson. All were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom yielded time to Kristina Behrens to highlight attendance at recent Resolve to Get Involved event. Kristina summarized that good conversations were had with several community members potentially looking to get involved with MPAC. Approximately 10 people signed the sign-in sheet to learn more and stay in touch. Kristina will follow up with the interested people on further interest and next steps.

VI. Manager Report

Tristan Luoma filled in for Tiina Morin's absence due to planned vacation. The Arts & Culture Alliance meeting on grant training was rescheduled due to weather. Creative Parks application has gone live; no submissions as of yet, but a few days still remain on the social media boost. The MACC is busy with Art Week planning and preparation. A discussion was had on MPAC hosting a table for Art Week to further build community awareness. Tristan also subsequently highlighted that the NEA Our Town grant was received in the amount of \$100,000 and will be used toward the Cultural Trail project.

VII. Old Business

1. Queen City Courts update [Tracy]
 - a. Lines will be painted on the court in June. Still targeting August 15-22 for installation.
2. Recruitment of new member to fill MPAC vacancies; progress report
 - a. One artist slot is open and two community member slots. Potential members must live within City of Marquette. MPAC is currently recruiting.
3. Lower Harbor pier redevelopment; “Spear Dock”
 - a. Space(s) dedicated for public art
 - i. Where, how many, any pre-set foundations in place. (north and south piers)?
 1. North Pier –
 - a. Circular area selected as the site for an installation by an indigenous maker highlighting the themes of land acknowledgement and treaty information. Motioned by Steven Hughes, seconded by Linnea Gustafson. All were in favor. An open question (see section “b” below) is around the handling of a potential pedestal or foundation, and MPAC will reference in the future RFP depending on the feedback from GEI.
 - b. A few questions were raised for further investigation. Tristan will check with GEI for feedback. Specifically, 1) does a concrete foundation for large-scale artwork need to be poured during initial construction, or can it be added later; 2) how tall is the illustrated curved wall (or bench) around the roundabout area; 3) one of the cul-de-sac drawings shows a deciduous tree that does not appear elsewhere; are there still plans for this.
 - c. If a window to look down into the water is to be built, proposal to incorporate an art component there as well.
 2. South Pier –
 - a. Discussed small scale garden artwork, which would not require any dedicated pre-poured concrete or large site prep. Motioned by Kristina Behrens, seconded by Steven Hughes. All were in favor.
 - ii. How many benches; minimum and ideally
 - a. South Pier – proposed that ten benches would be ideal, with six as a minimum – in a staggered configuration either way. Motioned by Steven Hughes, seconded by Linnea Gustafson. All were in favor.
 - b. North Pier – a question was raised whether there are any plans for benches on the North Pier. Tristan will follow up with GEI to confirm.
 - b. Dedicated area for public art incorporating Land Acknowledgment & Treaty information; approximate size, location
 - i. Discussed in “North Pier” section above.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – No update.
2. Public Art Inventory/Outreach/Artsopolis – Compass has been growing organically per Tristan Luoma. They are guiding members of the public how to utilize. Still waiting on the public art directory to go live. They plan to utilize the website during Art Week as well.
3. Policy and Maintenance – No update, still have only one proposal.

IX. Good of the Order

Linnea Gustafson shared the children's art exhibit she is coordinating at Devos will go up on April 30th and be installed for the month of May.

Tracy Wascom shared that the senior exhibition for the NMU School of Art & Design is also going up, and photography students exhibition and reception at The Crib.

Tristan Luoma highlighted the new installation at the Deo Gallery and April 14th artist reception.

X. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be May 11, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Behrens.



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