

Marquette Public Art Commission Special Work Session Meeting Minutes

30, April 2025

6:00

Peter White Public Library

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Marquette Public Art Commission was held in Marquette, Michigan on April 30, 2025. The meeting was convened at 6:04 PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Amy Stephens, Alison Taras, Jacqueline Wagner, Emily Tobin Lavoy, Lauren Tilma, and Brianna Hobbins

Absent: Tiina Morin, Emily Tobin Lavoy

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Amy to excuse the absence of Tiina and Emily Tobin Lavoy.
Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Alison, seconded by Lauren to approve the agenda of the 4/30/25 meeting.
Motioned carried unanimously.

Announcements:

Public Comments:

Officer Reports:

Other Reports:

Unfinished Business:

Iris Katers Charitable Foundation Harlow Park Monument

A. Honoring Donors

- a. Honoring donors with engravings on monuments could be a case by case basis. Discussed keeping "in honor of Ron Katers" and omitting the thanks to the other donors at this time. We can include a separate plaque to honor the other donors.

B. Quotes

- a. Discussed citing the entire Constitution, instead of just specific quotes on the monument. All in favor. We feel this would be more beneficial for education purposes.
- b. Ideas discussed for separate signage in the future to engage the public with thought provoking prompts.
- c. In future monument contracts, that quotes should only be taken directly from the said document, or by authors/creators of the document about the said document. Reasoning being, clarity and consistency.

- d. Omit any quotes not taken directly from the said document, or by authors/creators of the document about said document.
 - e. Move the quote of "helping children of Michigan's Upper Peninsula..." along with additional donors, moved to separate signage.
 - f. Discussed to either wrap the U.S. Constitution/Declaration of Independence around the entire monument, or add additional quotes (approved by MPAC; in alignment w/ motions above) to the other sides.
 - g. Discussed the Ben Franklin quote to the Declaration of Independence monument, instead of the monument with the Constitution.
 - h. Discussed moving the date of dedication/blessing due to not knowing the final dates. This could be added as a plaque at a later date.
- C. Contract
- a. Must have a complete mock-up without significant changes done before we decide to adopt the monument as part of our Public Art collection.
 - b. Monuments should have the approval of MPAC before significant changes take effect.
 - c. Before adopting a monument, make clear of any fonts that are to be used.
 - d. Application process should be used for future monuments.

New Business:

Future Monuments Policy

- e. We can use The National Park Service as a resource for creating a monument policy given their history of monument management.
- f. Monument Lab could be a good resource for monument policy creation.
- g. Discussion for future monument policy sub committee in the near future.

Public Comment:

Member Comments:

Chair Comments:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully submitted by



5/14/25

Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary
Marquette Public Art Commission

Date approved