

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Marquette, MI

May 10, 2023

Meeting began at 6:32 PM.

Present: Tracy Wascom, Lance Larson, Jacqueline Wagner, Lauren Tilma, Hannah Milkie, and Tiina Morin

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Tracy Wascom, Lance Larson, Hannah Milkie, Jacqueline Wagner, and Tiina Morin

III. Approval Minutes

All were in favor of agenda and April meeting minutes. Approval by affirmation.

IV. Public Comment

Amy Stephens, planner with Marquette County joined us and will possibly be joining our committee in the future.

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom – **Spear Dock public art; benches**

Dale Wedig has made a full size prototype for holding the artwork on the benches. Benches will be cast concrete, but we will need a second look on how the supports will be mounted through the city engineers.

Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project

Jason Quigno has accepted our letter for the Cultural Trail Indigenous Art sculpture near the Ore Dock area.

Kids Cov, Dragonfly Sculpture

Public artwork request and list of criteria for public artwork at the new Kids Cove inclusive park at the Lower Harbor.

Timeline likely looks like this:

July 2023, we will post a request for qualifications.

September 2023, FRQ's reviewed, candidates selected.

Oct 2023 RFP sent to selected candidates.

January 2024 Sculpture proposal deadline, initial review of artworks.

February 2024 Final Artist confirm, approved by City Commission.

March 2024 Fabrication of artwork by artist begins.

Late Summer/early fall 2024 Installation of artwork.

Creos Project

Temporary artwork project during colder months is moving forward. DEA is providing an additional \$5,000, and we have about \$10,000. Winter of 2024

timeline to give us more time to find additional funding. November 27th, 2024-December 29th, 2024 potential timeline for artwork to be displayed.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina emphasized the High School art show, and the DeVos children's art exhibition going on. Artists in Excellence awards ceremony coming up next week. Juried the art for the Grand Mountain Gallery and the Deo Gallery. Lineup for 2024 is known ahead of time so we can advertise more. Tiina is working on the Spark Grant for DNR, trailhead for the cultural trail for public restrooms, walkways, etc. WRAP revitalization grant is being applied for, for office space and rentable public space, and Arts and Culture amenity space. There could be many uses for this space. Artweek deadline is this Friday, and the magazine is being finalized and printed.

VII. Old Business

1. Updates

i. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s)

Jason has accepted and is beginning the process to provide three possible prototypes. Grants are being pursued to get additional funding for the project. Stipend will be given ahead for \$1,000. Additional stipend if travel is needed. Hoping he can come up either before or after Art Week. Met with City Engineer to identify sites along the lakeshore for the Cultural Trail Indigenous artwork.

ii. Spear Dock public art; benches

Tracy discussed that she has a copy of the spec sheet for the benches and support object for artwork. Dale Wedig designed the prototype to hold the artwork on the end caps. The end caps will be a spot used to hold multiple pieces of public art in a small space. Possible name ideas were discussed such as the idea of connection points, storyboard narrative, etc. We will brainstorm names in the future.

iii. Collections Assessment

Maintaining what we have, and adding new artwork, etc. What kind of maintenance calendar we need to be on or what updates need to be done to our public artwork.

iv. Words to Live and Bike By

Submissions were discussed and voted on for Words to Live By. Below are our results:

- Play (#7) location #4 motioned by Lance, seconded by Hannah.
- Persevere (#8) location #2. Motioned by Hannah, seconded by Lance.
- Reciprocity (#2) location #5 near the lake. Motioned by Lance, seconded by Hannah.

- Grow (#11 second version) location #3 motioned by Hannah, seconded by Lance.
- Embrace (#5) location #1 motioned by Lance, seconded by Hannah.

“Inspire” Word to Live By location was discussed near Superior Hills School on the bike path.

2. To Complete

i. **Spear Dock Benches**

Dale Wedig created a prototype to hold the artwork on the end caps of the benches, but city engineers might need to take a second look at the design to see if any modifications need to be made before moving forward. Names for the project are being brainstormed through another google doc.

ii. **Word to Live By**

Tiina will contact the artists who were chosen and will notify them by Monday about their acceptance of their design, word, and location. Stencil artists to be hired and chosen for the painting of the Words to Live by murals to be completed on August 11th and 12th.

iii. **Inspire**

Painting would likely take place late July/early August. Possibly Hannah could help with the painting before she leaves for grad school.

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Committee Reports

1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – Nina is getting closer to start advocating for fundraising for PAC. The first fundraiser will be for the Dragonfly sculpture at the Kid’s Cove.
2. Policy and Maintenance – nothing to report

X. Good of the Order

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be 6/14/23 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Wagner.



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