

MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 12, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Marquette, MI

Meeting began at 6:32 PM.

Present: Maureen Tyrrell, Kristina Behrens, Tracy Wascom, Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes,

Tiina Morin and Amelia Pruiett.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes, Tracy Wascom, Maureen Tyrrell, Kristina Behrens

Excused: Emily Lanctot

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Motion by Linnea Gustafson to consent agenda, seconded by Steven Hughes. All were in favor.

Motion made by Kristina Behrens to approve April Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Steve Hughes. All were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. MPAC Chair Report

No new updates.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina Morin reported that June 1, 2021, is the anticipated date for city to reopen offices to public. Marquette Arts and Culture Center will follow Peter White Public Library standards. In August, exhibits will begin reopening. MPAC was not awarded the Our Town Grant for the cultural trail; Tiina is requesting feedback and applying for additional grants for the cultural trail and Art Week. Art Wee updates include planning to follow State pandemic guidelines. Community art projects and musical strings concerts will be incorporated into the week's activities. Farmers Market will include an Artisan Market on Wednesday evening/Saturday. Local artists available for artist talks/discussions. Tiina planning public art walk activity. Justin "Bugsy" Sailor has committed to participating in opening day sunrise activities on Monday. Art Week closing will take place on Sunday with Art Awards at 1PM. Kids Cove update included discussion of consultants coming to provide park walk through. Tiina to email schedule with dates/times.

VII. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission Report

Tiina is reaching out to prospective members and compiling fund raising ideas.

VIII. Old Business

1. Queen City Courts – Review of revised design and voting
 - a. Contract passed and sent to artists.
 - b. Bids for path/sidewalk around court accepted by City Commissioners through 6/7/21. Goal is to complete in July.
 - c. Potential for artists to complete mural in August; however, this could be pushed out into September.
 - d. Tracy shares mural color revisions. Steve makes a motion to accept changes; Linnea seconded. One absent, all others in favor.
 - e. Discussion of backboard painting; MPAC to review. Tiina to communicate to artists to ensure image drafts are available to MPAC. Will discuss during June MPAC meeting.
 - f. Amelia offers ideas for roll-out of new image and an opening reception. Tiina to request higher resolution image from artists for marketing purposes. Amelia to reach out to MPAC member for small interview to include with roll-out.
 - g. Signage discussed for court.
2. Letter in Support of Art Education at Marquette Area Public Schools (MAPS)
 - a. Linnea presented initial draft of letter. Members discuss different ideas and letter revisions. Maureen to revise letter and share with members for final review and comments prior to Tiina submitting to City for approval before sending.
 - b. Discuss possibly presenting in person at next MAPS Board Meeting if reviewed by City officials in time.
3. Public Art Passport (Art Week) – Tiina discusses ideas for Public Art Passport for Art Week.
4. City Website: Public Art Write-Up
 - a. Tiina provided examples of other city websites. Deadline for Compass is early June before Art Week. Goal to be completed with everything that can be completed prior to Art Week, end of June. Website launch is June 14.
 - b. Members to provide third person biographies and headshots to Tiina and Amelia prior to June 10. Kristina to provide MPAC summary/description paragraph by June 10.
 - c. Discussion of Art Quest Adventure to be launched at Art Week.

IX. New Business

1. Members discussed budget for next year; consider new projects. Email Tracy any potential projects or bring to June meeting. Tracy to compile in running document.
 - a. Update third week of June.
 - b. Tiina to run expenses report and send to members for review.
2. Spear Doc Project potentially starting in summer.

X. Committee Reports

1. Public Art Inventory/Outreach – Not discussed.
2. Public Art Guidelines – Not discussed.
3. Policy and Maintenance – Not discussed.
4. Artist Handbook – Not discussed.

XI. Good of the Order

Linnea is getting a new classroom.

XII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be June 9, 2021, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Tyrrell.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MTyrrell', written in a cursive style.