

Marquette Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

14, May 2025

6:30

Peter White Public Library

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Marquette Public Art Commission was held in Marquette, Michigan on May 14, 2025. The meeting was convened at 6:33PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Tiina Morin, Amy Stephens, Jacqueline Wagner, Lauren Tilma, and Brianna Hobbins

Absent: Alison Taras

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Jacqueline to excuse the absence of Alison
Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Amy, seconded by Jacqueline to approve the agenda with edits of the May 14 meeting.

Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Amy, seconded by Jacqueline to approve the minutes of the April 23 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lauren, seconded by Amy to approve the minutes of the April 30 meeting without motions and with edits.

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

Public Comments:

Officer Reports:

Emily Tobin Lavoy is stepping down from her position on MPAC.

Other Reports: Tiina Morin

- A. Discussion of Art Week 2025 (June 23-28) and will be the final fulfillment of the original mission. 10th and final Art Week.
- B. Tristan Louma has met with IT department and OneDrive is ready to go, and we should be getting an invite soon. Tiina discussed Art Week in detail.
- C. A&C Welcomes two seasonal positions.

- D. Peg Hirvonen Band Shell is moving along nicely with hopes to complete the project in fall of 2025.
- E. Cultural Trailhead partnership with Premeau Construction was discussed and finalized. The city is waiting to receive its final reimbursement for the Our Town Funding.
- F. Public Gallery Program: High School Art exhibition May 15th, 2025 at 7:00PM at Peter White Public Library.

Unfinished Business:

A. Updates

a. Constitution and Declaration of Independence Monument

Recommendation will be given to the City Commission with contract and description of the project, feedback, and budget.

We reviewed the packet that Amelia Pruiett put together about the monuments including the suggestions we mentioned at the last special meeting on April 30, 2025. We reviewed the monument site, dedication and funding.

Motion: Motion by Lauren, seconded by Amy, to approve the podium monument as per the original submission featuring quotes from the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. All in favor.

Motion: Motion by Jacqueline to approve the title of "Freedom Monument", seconded by Amy. All in favor.

Discussion was had that quotes should only be taken directly from the said document, or by authors/creators of the document about the said document.

Motion: Motion by Amy, seconded by Jacqueline, to include a dedication section in memory of Ronald Charles Katers, and inclusion of a commemorative phrase. Phrases will be provided to choose from. All in favor.

b. Phase Two Seven Grandfathers: Ishkode

i. Forecast Grant: work with tribes to design

New Business:

A. Budget/FY 26 Work Plan

- a. We reviewed the budget/FY 26 work plan created by Tristan Louma.

B. Kids Cove Signage/Community Foundation Grant

- a. The Community Foundation presented the City of Marquette with a \$26,000 grant from the Rod and Holly Aldrich Donor-Advised Fund at the Community Foundation of Marquette County. Funds should be specifically designated for the purpose of signage for Kids Cove. Funds should be spent by December of 2026.
- b. Ideas were discussed for designs and we will do a site walk to brainstorm ideas in the near future.

C. Cultural Trail Story Marker Artwork

- a. Original paintings by Sherri Loonsfoot Aldred, and digitalized designs created to put on permanent side panels. Sherri also created a placeholder for the trailhead signs, and can be removed to feature temporary artwork. She is willing to be commissioned to create the first temporary art installation, as well. The temporary art would be a part of our Public Art gallery. We will need to discuss the budget and what to offer as a commission

for Sherri's work. We will need to discuss in more detail what parts of the signs we are willing to adopt into our Public Art gallery and what our budget will allow.

D. Cultural Trailhead

- a. Designs for the Cultural Trailhead building were scaled back due to costs.
- b. Ceiling - Ideas discussed for artwork on the ceiling, woodwork, etc. We will brainstorm further.

E. Art Week

- a. MPAC Weaving - Can be reused to engage the public in art. Inspired by the organization Nowhere Collective (Loom 360).

F. Marketing and Handling

- a. We will need a schedule put together for maintenance of the Public Art Commission gallery.

G. Website Review

- a. Edits will not be happening while Amelia Pruett is on maternity leave.

Public Comment:

Member Comments:

Chair Comments:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM

Respectfully submitted by



6/11/25

Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary
Marquette Public Art Commission

Date approved