

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center

June 8, 2022

6:30pm

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Present: Steven Hughes, Tracy Wascom, Linnea Gustafson, Tiina Morin, Andie Balcom (public).

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Steven Hughes, Linnea Gustafson, Tracy Wascom.

Absent: Kristina Behrens (excused)

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

All were in favor – approved.

IV. Public Comment

Andie Balcom works for state of Michigan, recently finished student teaching, loves art and looking to get more involved.

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom noted that Ellen Weingarten is a possible point of contact at Rotary.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina Morin noted that Christine Lenzen's, *Forever A Wilderness* show is opening Thursday, June 9th. Submitted 3 grants, one for staging for arts& culture events, asked for \$24,000 for Art Week from MCAC, and applied for a WRAP grant \$560,000 to revitalize LCP building into a gallery office and half the money to the city bandshell (Anchoring two points on the cultural trail). Art Week magazine is going around, Steve Hughes has an article about plein air painting in it. Volunteers are needed for Art Week. Tiina will be researching for Public Art tour and cultural trail conversations and preparing for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) meeting. Does anyone know a crane operator (Lakenenland) that could help put the Florentijn Hofman Duck in the water later this summer? Otherwise, it will be put on land during its installation August 12-14th. Linnea willing to work on some kind of Friends of fundraiser to potentially help.

VII. Old Business

1. Queen City Courts update [Tiina]
 - a. Getting a bid to power wash the court. Vendor JCS (selected to paint the lines) will do so the week before the artists come to town and will touch up lines and put a coat of sealant over the mural when completed (under \$5000).
2. Artist Directory/Marquette Compass [Kristina/Tiina]

- a. Kristina will have information ready for Art Week and that info will be sent to Artsopolis.
- 3. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s) [Tiina/Tracy]
 - a. Last Tuesday, met with cultural committee/KBIC. Not the time to ask the questions we compiled. The committee was being introduced to the cultural trail for the first time and Tiina/Tracy were being asked questions. Initial handshake. Establish protocols for working with KBIC. They are interested and want to learn more and visit the 6 significant sites that are on the cultural trail and potential site for public art installation. Will be visiting July 9th. They are willing to review and evaluate and don't want to determine what this work will look like. They would like a timeline. MPAC tentatively looking to write an RFP for January. Brainstorming locations for meals for KBIC visit (NMU pavilion, MQT commons, Clark Park?). Notes on Public art: might the work enable or include ongoing relationship between artist, place, reenergizing the work, especially when we get to material choice. Lighting that might be used should be solar-powered. Signage that is done along the cultural trail should not impede the view of the lake (not blocking things like condos). KBIC point of contact: Evelyn Ravidran
- 4. MPAC Rack Card for Art Week [Tracy]
 - a. Showed two cards for review and edit (Queen City and Words to Live and Bike By). Images will be updated with high resolution versions. QR code will be updated to link to MPAC page, hold on until Artsopolis changes to MPAC page can be refreshed.
- 5. RFP Conflict of Interest considerations post-MPAC participation; policy discussion
 - a. What sort of distance should there be between someone leaving the commission and a former MPAC member applying for an RFP/RFQ or other opportunity? 6–12 months? Tabled for further discussion.
- 6. Midwest Sculpture Initiative
 - a. No update
- 7. Marquette Mountain Trail Sign
 - a. No update

VIII. New Business

- 1. None

IX. Committee Reports

- 1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – Account has \$2,384. Ore Dock wants to give money at the door with the community *Water* exhibit. Superior Watershed Partnership will split. New postcard to send with thank you.
- 2. Public Art Inventory/Outreach/Artsopolis – Plan to launch for Art Week 2022.
- 3. Policy and Maintenance – No update.

X. Good of the Order

School year is done for Linnea! Tracy has some spare pepper plants—Tiina claimed.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be July 13, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Submitted by Steven Hughes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy W." with a stylized, cursive script.

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