

Marquette Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

June 11, 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 June 11, 2025. The meeting was convened at 6:36PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Tiina Morin, Amy Stephens, Jacqueline Wagner, Alison Taras, and Brianna Hobbins

Absent: Lauren Tilma

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Jacqueline, seconded by Alison to approve the agenda of the June 11 meeting.
Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Amy, seconded by Brianna to approve the minutes of the May 14 meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

Public Comments:

Presentation:

 Sherri Aldred Loonsfoot and Aiyana Aldred: Story Marker Exhibit

- A. A placeholder piece has been completed by Sherri and Aiyana and will be used in between featured artists.
- B. Ideas were discussed for the half-moon shape sign space. Some ideas discussed by Sherri were Anishinaabe constellations, seasons, animals, plants, 13 month grandmother cycle, original Native families.
- C. MPAC viewed Sherri's gallery exhibit held in the library main level. We were very impressed and happy with her collection of work.
- D. Idea's were discussed on how to properly and safely store and display the artwork.

Officer Reports:

MPAC Chair Report – Brianna Hobbins

Iris Katers thanked the MPAC for our work with the Freedom Monument.

Other Reports:

- A. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager
 - a. Shared posters for Art Week 2025
 - b. 62 Events will be held for Art Week
 - c. Spread the word!
- B. Committee Reports (as needed)

Unfinished Business:

A. Updates

i. Freedom Monument

1. Feedback was very positive from the public so far, and Iris Katers was very thankful.

ii. Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument

1. Met with a new cohort and discussed a deeper meaning of the monument and what the purpose of the monument truly is.
2. Interested in making it more of a gathering or storytelling area in the future.
3. Hoping to create a contract with Jason by July 2025 and installation of the monument by fall of 2026.

New Business:

A. Annual Year-in Review: upcoming projects, current projects, completed projects July 14th

- a. Brianna will present at the City Commission meeting on July 14th. Draft should be done by July 9th. Print out copies of the newsletter to give to the City Commissioners and show video of Jason during the meeting. MPAC members will meet on June 16th to review year in review.

B. Budget/FY 26 Work Plan

- a. We reviewed the budget/FY 26 work plan created. Outstanding 2025 expenditures were discussed such as Father Marquette annual cleaning and waxing, Lundmark Restoration, Loonsfoot paintings, etc.

Motion: Moved by Amy, seconded by Jacqueline to approve the Cook Sign Services quote for the 7 Grandfather's signage, for a total of \$779.76.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Story Marker Exhibit: Cultural Trail

Permanent digital illustrations for trail signage and temporary half moon digitizations of paintings would need to be budgeted for in the future, including framing and installation.

Motion: Moved by Amy, seconded by Alison to approve acceptance of Sherri Aldred Loonsfoot and Aiyana Aldred's permanent digital illustrations on all eight story-markers to our Marquette Public permanent art collection. Creative commons language is recommended in the future contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved Amy, seconded by Alison to compensate Sherri Aldred Loonsfoot and Aiyana Aldred, \$10,000 each (for a total of \$20,000) for their original artwork (digital illustrations) for the permanent imagery used for the 8 Cultural Trail markers, paid for fully by funds provided by the KBIC/Sault Ste Marie Tribe.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting, we will consider a motion for the MPAC to commission Sherri Aldred Loonsfoot and Aiyana Aldred to commission five original paintings for the first art installation and accept them into our permanent public art collection. With the intention of being displayed, loaned, etc, and possibility of being digitized.

D. Cultural Trail Head

- a. wait until next meeting

E. Kids Cove Signage/Community Foundation Grant

- a. wait until August

F. Policy and Maintenance

Policy

- a. Public Art: Update postpone to winter and possibly create subcommittee, monument, forecast grant and cultural planning process

G. Marketing and Handling

H. Budget work session

- a. End of July

I. Website review

J. Art Week

- a. Loom resource found by Lauren
- b. Plan to discuss more on June 16

Public Comment:

Member Comments:

Chair Comments:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM

Respectfully submitted by



7/9/25

Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary
Marquette Public Art Commission

Date approved