

Marquette Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025

6:34

Peter White Public Library

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Marquette Public Art Commission was held in Marquette, Michigan on July 9, 2025.

Roll Call:

Present: Tiina Morin, Lauren Tilma, Jacqueline Wagner, Alison Taras, and Brianna Hobbins

Absent: Amy Stephens

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Jacqueline to approve the agenda of the July 9 meeting with a couple of adjustments.
Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Jacqueline, seconded by Lauren to approve the minutes of the June 11 meeting with minor adjustments.
Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

Presentation:

Officer Reports:

MPAC Chair Report – Brianna Hobbins

Brianna will be presenting at the City Commission Meeting on Monday, July 14th.

Other Reports:

- A. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager
 - a. The final Art Week was very successful and will be missed by many
 - b. Ideas discussed for replication of an “Art Week” type of event in the future, run by a different group/alliance

- c. Flash mob and Cultural Trail Opening were fan favorites
- d. Not a lot of interest in the collaborative community weaving project

Unfinished Business:

A. Updates

- i. **Freedom Monument** - City Attorney mentioned that there was no contract finalized yet, and there was confusion on who exactly was paying for the monument. Iris Katers will be paying for the monument now, NOT the Katers Foundation.
- ii. **Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument** - Forecast Grant will be paying for the monument. The subcontract has been signed, but we are waiting on further documentation before proceeding. Fall of 2026 timeline to finish the project.
- iii. **Cultural Trail Story Markers** -
 - 1. Chips were noticed on some of the story markers. An inventory report was done and many damages were noticed on the signs that weren't there when they were installed. Everything will be fixed by the designer.
 - 2. Signs were purposefully installed at certain angles based on directional markers. The meaning will need to be explained to the public further, at a later date.
- iv. **Maintenance schedule** - No official ETA, but Emma Schram will be working on this in the near future. Waxing will be done this August on the Father Marquette Statue, and Michael Bradford will be delivering the Lundmark oil seascape to Minneapolis for restoration.
- v. **Annual Year-in Review Presentation** - Brianna shared the presentation with us that will be shared at the City Commission meeting next Monday. Tweaks and suggestions were made while we reviewed the presentation.

New Business:

A. Cultural Trail Head - Ceiling Proposal

- a. Currently a drop ceiling, but we would like to enhance the space with public art.
- b. Hans Gottsacker has proposed a "wavy wood slat" ceiling sculpture inspired by the water theme. We reviewed several design inspired photos involving wood and lighting.
- c. His estimated budget was approximately \$13,000, but we assume there may be unexpected costs that may arise. It's safe to assume that a budget of \$20,000 would be more accurate.

Motion: Moved by Jacqueline, seconded by Lauren to approve the Hans Gottsacker Cultural Trailhead Ceiling Sculpture with a budget up to \$20,000 and approval of final design.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Budget/FY 26 Work Plan

- a. We need to focus on slowing down and focusing on what projects are most important to finish and make a more focused plan.

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Jacqueline to create a contract to commission Sherri Aldred Loonsfoot to create five original paintings to be digitized for the first rotating art installations for the cultural trail story marker gallery for a total of \$25,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by Jacqueline, seconded by Lauren to accept Sherri's five original paintings, from the previous motion, into the permanent Public Art collection to be displayed in the city.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by Jacqueline, seconded by Lauren to approve the expenditure of up to \$10,000 for the digitization and printing of the five original paintings of the previous motions.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Forecast Grant - nothing to report

D. Policy and Maintenance - nothing to report

E. Internship - Potential NMU internship in the future to help with Public Art duties

Public Comments:

Member Comments:

Chair Comments:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM

Respectfully submitted by



8/13/25

Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary
Marquette Public Art Commission

Date approved