

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center

August 10, 2022

6:30pm

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Present: Steven Hughes, Linnea Gustafson, Tracy Wascom, Tiina Morin

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

Agenda approved. June minutes approved with adjustment to typo on who was present

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom reported on the quotes for signage. Cost prohibitive from one company and another has been slow to respond. The \$55-85 per sign quote (including installation) from the original sign company (Cook Signs) last year is being confirmed with them again. Hope to wrap this up this year.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina Morin noted Taimur Cleary has an art exhibition up in the Deo Gallery with reception at 6pm, August 11. Total of 3 artist talks on the 11th in the library. Meeting with high school artist teachers, Negaunee, how to help art teachers with enrollment and advocate for their programs and students. West End Suicide prevention and Huron Mt. Gallery to have an art show on Mental Health. Bring art speakers to high schools. Meeting on the 24th with Jake Feather and other art teachers to continue planning. Linnea advocated for middle school students as well. Have now done 2 public art tours. Talking about bringing art (academic excellence) students together for a special field trip—public art tour. Working on revitalization and placemaking grant (find out first week of September) to update LSCP building.

Working on the 25th year of the Art Awards, Oct. 28th. SmartZone will be a partner and give \$5,000. SmartZone wants to announce and award an innovation award at the event. Want to do a tech integrated performance with that money. Collect donations to Friends of MPAC at the Art Awards for something specific like the Playground for All? Prismatic? Words to Live and Bike By?

VII. Old Business

1. Queen City Courts update [Tiina]
 - a. JCS was hired for the lines, August 17, 18, 19 to do the cleaning.
 - b. A black coat was applied to the court, Jet Black—was only asked for a quote but thought they were hired. They applied it but won't be paid. It's a cheap surface. So, consulted with artists and JCS to see if it will still work and not hurt the longevity.
 - c. JCS will power wash and apply a gray coat that the artists have requested for the surface. Orange fencing will be around the court in advance.
 - d. Artists will be here on the 22nd and completed by the 29th.
 - e. Discussed some kind of official red-ribbon or meet and greet with the artists. Will play by ear as the week progresses.
2. Artist Directory/Marquette Compass [Kristina/Tiina]
 - a. Listing of the collection on the MQT Compass has titles, artist, date, but wondering about the need for a description. What are we highlighting about these works? Social, visual components, relationship to site, or other teaching opportunities? What are the goals? 200 words or less suggested. Focus should be on City works first. Wascom will contact Dale Wedig for description of benches and courthouse gate in the collection for the directory.
3. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s) [Tiina/Tracy]
 - a. KBIC visit fell through. May be an option to Zoom and share video of the sites as opposed to making the trip with all parties involved. Looking to provide them a clear understanding of the sites and what the art might be.
4. RFP Conflict of Interest considerations post-MPAC participation; policy discussion
 - a. Motion approved to make a 1-year moratorium on applying to MPAC calls and opportunities once a commission member has stepped down.
5. Marquette Mountain Trail Sign
 - a. No update
6. Miscellaneous
 - a. Holly Greer advocacy for women, honored on cultural trail? An archway? Holly Greer "Way" on the trail or public art or in concert with other historical women. Possible September discussion.
 - b. Prismatica? Travel MQT purchased the laser light equipment. Further funding still needed for Prismatica.

VIII. New Business

1. Playgrounds for All
 - a. Break ground next spring. Many subcommittees including a public art committee.
 - b. MPAC has committed \$8,000
 - c. MPAC can accept donations of the art so that MPAC takes care of maintenance.

- d. They will write the RFQ/RFP and MPAC could review it. At least 3 makers would submit proposals. MPAC makes a recommendation and the community would weigh in.
- e. Any upcycled material from the existing playground has a lifespan. RFP needs to account for maintenance and longevity of materials.

2. Budget Review

- a. This year go through the Hurley Park \$, Indigenous public art (\$30,000), Playground (\$8,000), Artsopolis, the collection signage, carrying over the conservation/maintenance plan (still need two quotes?)
- b. Spear Dock Indigenous piece RFP out by December/January?
- c. Develop an educational package/links/curriculum based on the Collection from a K-12 educator? Paid internship for Art Ed students? Pick an age group to start with and expand (middle school)? Tabled for more discussion. Budget addition \$3000 allocated to Arts Education.
- d. Plein Air scholarship or student award for Fresh Coast Competition 2023?

3. Presentation to the City Commission

- a. Monday before Sept. meeting. Not an option for some of MPAC. Push to December City Commission meeting.

IX. Committee Reports

- 1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – No update
- 2. Public Art Inventory/Outreach/Artsopolis – See Old Business
- 3. Policy and Maintenance – Will look to one of the two quotes that MPAC has and go with one of them.

X. Good of the Order

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be September 14, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Submitted by Steven Hughes.



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