

MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 11, 2021
Marquette Arts & Culture Center, Peter White Public Library
Marquette, MI

Meeting began at 6:31 PM.

Present: Maureen Tyrrell, Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes, Emily Lanctot, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens, and Tiina Morin.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

II. Roll Call

Linnea Gustafson, Steven Hughes, Maureen Tyrrell, Emily Lanctot, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Motion by Linnea Gustafson to consent agenda, seconded by Kristina Behrens. All were in favor.

Motion made by Steven Hughes to approve July Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Linnea Gustafson. Tracy Wascom and Kristina Behrens abstained. All others were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. MPAC Chair Report/Vice Chair Report

No report.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina Morin provided update on upcoming Art Awards. Plan for community members to present awards. Update provided on First Thursday. Brochure for Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) in progress. Tiina reports MACC staff continue to work on Compass website. Tiina provides update on Cultural Trail Grant work.

Emily Lanctot makes a motion to amend the agenda and add Art Awards to New Business. Steven Hughes seconded.

VII. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission Report

No report.

VIII. Special Presentation

Susan Estler from Travel Marquette discusses lighting of the Ore Dock

1. External project on city property seeking MPAC advice, formal recommendations, and support to move project forward.
2. Video presented on Kvant Clubmax 10-15 lasers and planned use for lasers in Marquette.
3. Comments from MPAC Members included concerns regarding resident input, noise/light pollution, environmental impact, impact on wildlife, concerns regarding seizure/autism, legal concerns, and security. Potential partnership between Travel Marquette and MPAC for recommendations was discussed. Discussion regarding option to determine this to not be a public art and information that must be provided to city management.

IX. Old Business

1. Prismatic Update – Steve and Linnea
 - a. Presented information to Travel Marquette Director Susan Estler on potential partnership for funding.
 - b. Determine potential dates for exhibit.
 - c. Potential presentation to Friends of MPAC and to possibly discuss at Art Awards.
2. Queen City Courts – Updates
 - a. Public works has offered to potentially remove existing concrete.
 - b. Looking at June for any contractor work.
3. Creative Neighborhoods
 - a. Description, image examples, parameters for Tiina to share with Parks & Rec.
 - b. Language change to creative parks document, adjusting parameters. Potential for presentation to Parks & Rec and Maritime staff in October.
4. Maintenance Report – Awaiting response from assessment consultants.
5. Signage for MAPP
 - a. Placard ideas, prices approximately 400-425 for mounted signs.
 - b. Recommendation is to complete around 5 signs per year.

X. New Business

1. Initial discussion of strategic plan for public art in Marquette.
 - a. Plan to hold special work session in Fall for short term planning.
 - b. Long term planning will include incorporating Public Art into Master Plan.
 - c. Discussion of possibly hiring a consultant for assistance.
2. Old Presque Isle Sign
 - a. Recommendations for the sign as Marquette Regional History Museum did not wish to add to their collection at this time.
 - b. The sign has been determined by MPAC to be an artifact as it represents history of the city. The sign is not considered public art and will not be entered into MAPP collection.
 - c. After discussion on potential homes for sign, Emily made a motion to recommend display or storage at the Marquette Regional

History Museum and if they are not willing to accept artifact, then recommend placement above fireplace at the Presque Isle Pavilion if it can be attached safely. Seconded by Linnea.

3. Art Awards – Tiina requests MPAC representation at Art Awards, possibly to present an award.

XI. Committee Reports

1. Public Art Inventory/Outreach/Artsopolis – Not discussed.
2. Policy and Maintenance – Not discussed.

XII. Good of the Order

Emily announces opening exhibition on Monday 8/16/21.

XIII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be September 8, 2021, at 6:30PM, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Tyrrell.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Tyrrell', written in a cursive style.