

Marquette Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2025

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Peter White Public Library

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Marquette Public Art Commission was held in Marquette, Michigan on August 13, 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 August 13.
Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Jacqueline to approve the minutes of the July 9 meeting with minor adjustments.
Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Jacqueline Wagner - Art Educator of the Year

Officer Reports:

MPAC Chair Report – Brianna presented at the City Commission Meeting on Monday, July 14th. It was very well received and there was a lot of positive feedback.

Other Reports:

- A. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager
 - a. Matt Tucker - Many imperfections found on Cultural Trail story markers, possible discussion of taking out panels on trail story markers to make artwork “pop”, areas to adopt on the cultural trail (potentially Japan sister city), possible area at Mattson Park and create a tiled gathering space.
 - b. Presque Isle Band Shell - Well underway, Tiina was able to help make some decisions on color schemes
 - c. Marquette City budget and plan for Arts and Culture Cultural Plan will likely be changing in the future with budget constraints. We may be faced with future budget cuts.
 - d. Friends of needs more members that are robust, motivated, and willing to put in time and effort.

- e. Artist Reception tomorrow from 6-8, Sensoria.
- f. Hoping by December 2025 to have partial occupancy in our new Trailhead space.
- g. October 5th, 2025 Art Awards

Unfinished Business:

A. Updates

- i. **Freedom Monument** - Review of the Freedom Monument final design which will be reviewed, next, by the City Commission.
- ii. **Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument** - Waiting for a check from KBIC so we can get the contract with Jason Quigno developed. The sculpture will be a fire, but concept designs will need to be approved by us with input from the tribal community, as well. Possible exhibit of his work in Marquette that corresponds with the date of this sculpture unveiling.
- iii. **Father Marquette Statue Maintenance** - Possible cleaning/waxing in September 2025. Possible outsourcing for help as professional development.
- iv. **Sharepoint** - Still having problems accessing Sharepoint.
- v. **Trailhead Ceiling Sculpture** - We need to develop a contract with Hans Gottsacker, and work out finer details like how to install and work around HVAC systems.

New Business:

A. Cultural Trail Head Presentation

- a. We reviewed a slideshow of images that detailed the construction updates on the new trailhead. Discussion about how this new space will be used and opportunities for art installations and displays.

B. Kids Cove Signage

- a. Ideas discussed for archway and/or mural. Possible ideas included Mary Blair style mural with a Marquette theme, or an archway using the old castle style pillars where kids could peek their head out. Julie Benda is a muralist from the Copper Country who may be a perfect fit. We would love to invite the community to cooperate with the mural. Will reach out to Cooks Sign to give us an estimate on a metal sign.

C. Policy and Maintenance - Continue to review our Monument Policy and Public Art Policy. Options were discussed for organization of our Public Art collection such as a software, spreadsheet, database; with artist contracts, maintenance schedule, scanned images, etc.

D. Marketing Review

E. Potential Internship via NMU - To help for general Marquette Cultural Art, or specifically, MPAC. Easy but time consuming tasks.

Public Comments:

Member Comments:

Chair Comments:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Wagner".

Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary
Marquette Public Art Commission

9/10/25

Date approved