

Marquette Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2025

6:35

Peter White Public Library

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Marquette Public Art Commission was held in Marquette, Michigan on September 10, 2025.

Roll Call:

Present: Tiina Morin, , Lauren Tilma, Jacqueline Wagner, Amy Stephens
and Brianna Hobbins

Absent: Alison Taras

Motion: *Moved by Jacqueline, seconded by Lauren to excuse the absence of Alison Taras.
Motioned carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: *Moved by Amy, seconded by Lauren to approve the agenda of the September 10 with minor adjustments.
Motioned carried unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: *Moved by Lauren, seconded by Jacqueline to approve the minutes of the August 13.
Motion carried unanimously.*

Announcements:

Officer Reports:

MPAC Chair Report – Thank you from Brianna Hobbins for all of the hard work that MPAC has been putting in!

Other Reports:

- A. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager
 - a. Freedom Monument - **Unfinished Business:**

A. Updates

- i. **Freedom Monument** - Requesting money from Friends Of to pay for the Freedom Monument.
- ii. **Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument** - Hoping for a contract by soon, but waiting on funding from KBIC. Sourcing for the rocks will be up to Jason and depending upon logistics.
- iii. **Fr. Marquette statue maintenance** - Emerson Graves will be paid to complete the maintenance. Our hope is to have this done by September 25th.

Motion: Motion to approve the hiring of Emerson Graves to be the designated conservator of the Fr. Marquette Statue with a total cost not to exceed \$2,000 made by Lauren, seconded by Amy. Unanimously approved by all.

- iv. **Sharepoint transfer** - We will not use Sharepoint. It was suggested that we create a universal MPAC email and drive. Once a year review of the drive, to clean up images and files. This will allow us to save space on the drive. We are a hands on commission that is very visual/image based. Having references, contacts, images, to look back on on a shared drive is important to us.
- v. **Trail Head ceiling sculpture** - Potential person who may be interested in funding a large portion of the trailhead (deck, lights, fireplace, etc.)

New Business:

A. Piano opportunity: Vice Chair, Lauren Tilma

- a. Upright piano potential art piece for future discussion/collaboration/community painting project

B. Cultural Trail Head

- a. Schedule tour - postpone for further date

C. Kids Cove Signage/Community Foundation Grant

- a. Mural: Mary Blair style with a Marquette twist, community involvement, look into a local artist, possibly Julie Benda
- b. We will look into a quote for a laser cut sign with a goal of having a few quotes by November and then look further into the mural to see what we may be able to afford

D. Policy and Maintenance

- a. Monument policy - Will be created at a later date; approximately 2026, involving historic preservation. The State Historic Preservation office would be a great resource for us in the future.
- b. Internal [MPAC Guidelines](#) review work session - review and see what edits we suggest within the working guidelines.
- c. Software - Excel spreadsheet

E. Discuss need/interest for paid internship via NMU

- a. Need a written foreseen job description and list of designated tasks that would be completed in this role for consideration. 5-10 hours a week.

F. City Commission Bold Art request - within their strategic plan the City Commission mentioned including "bold" art. We would like to discuss this further and know more about their hopes. We would like to put together a survey to share with the community and gauge feedback to see what the public would like to see for public art (make categories such as temporary art installations, children's interactive exhibits, murals, community involvement art such as the doors, totem poles, Picasso Cow Program etc.)

Public Comments:

Member Comments:

Chair Comments:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

Respectfully submitted by

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

Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary
Marquette Public Art Commission

10/8/25

Date approved