

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Cultural Center, Marquette, MI

September, 2023

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm

II. Roll Call:

Present: Lance Larson, Amy Stephens, Lauren Tilma, Tracy Wascom, and Tiina Morin;
Visitor: Matt Betts

III. Approval of Agenda:

i. Motion to approve Agenda by Amy, seconded by Lance.

Approved by majority.

ii. Motion to approve August Minutes by Amy, seconded by Lance.

Approved by majority.

IV. Public Comment

No in person comments. 49 total online responses were reviewed.

V. Chair Report

i. Spear dock project is moving forward with probable fabrication by Marquette Department of Public Works

VI. Manager Report

- Public Art panel at Revolve Conference? May need to find someone to represent MPAC.
- Jason Quigno involved with Revolve as keynote speaker
- Art Awards Sunday, October 15.
- AIE presented in Iron Mountain at the conference. Was well received by attendees.

VII: Old Business

i. Cultural Trail

- Jason on site the 25th for city commission meeting (6:00pm) where the sculpture will be up for vote.
- Drafting a contract is the next step.

ii. Words to Live and Bike By

- An artist made a comment about the lack of reimbursement for the project. Tiina reached out, and there was a request that we compensate artists in the future.
- Should we remove all the old ones, or restore them? Paint over or powerwash? We are leaning towards revisiting/restoring them. They are a beautiful addition to our community.
- Motion by Amy: Come Spring, we will turn the sidewalks back into a blank slate, and revisit the words that would be lost. Seconded by Lance. Approved by all.

lii. Oscillation

- Lease was put on the city commission meeting agenda last night. Consent agenda item. Needs to be looked at twice. Once it's signed, we are moving forward with payment.
- iv. Spear Dock Benches
 - Revisit during November meeting for more updates.
- V. Dragonfly sculpture
 - Two submissions so far. Submissions are still open until the end of October.
- vi. Newsletter
 - Try for a group photo after October 2nd.
 - Draft looked over, made suggestions for photos, and voice.
 - Second draft will be shared with members and is forthcoming

VIII. Moosewood Nature Center Mural

- Matt Betts is here for presentation and comment.
- Proposal for a bird mural on the side of Moosewood nature center. Faces the feeders and gets a lot of foot traffic.
- What will the upkeep look like? MPAC responsibility or Moosewood?
- We are all in support of this project, and we'd like to fold it into the MPAC collection.
- Discussed the possibility of facilitating external payment to Matt.
- Amy motioned to approve the implementation of Matt Betts' mural on the Moosewood site, and upon its completion to add it to our collection. Seconded by Lance and approved unanimously.

IX: Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

The next regular meeting will be 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, October 11, 2023.
Respectfully submitted by Lauren Tilma

