

aCITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Cultural Center, Marquette, MI

September 18, 2024

I. Call to Order: 6:36pm

II. Roll Call:

Present: Tiina Morin, Alison Taras, Emily Tobin Lavoy, Lauren Tilma, and Brianna Hobbins

Excused: Amy Stephens and Jacqueline Wagner

III. Approval of Agenda/Minutes:

1. Motion to approve September 18th agenda by Tina, seconded by Brianna.

Approved by majority.

2. Motion to approve August minutes by Lauren; seconded by Brianna.

Approved by majority.

IV. Public Comment- N/A

V. MPAC Chair Report

1. 'Words to Live and Bike By' Dream mural touched up

a. Brianna talked to paint store for best practices of 'Words' mural maintenance; washing regularly will help; no power washing allowed according to City

b. Tiina suggests taking photos of murals routinely to track longevity

2. '7 Grandfathers' sculpture unveiling a success

VI. Manager Report

1. Tiina Morin

a. Arts and Culture Office staff overwhelmed; states future jobs will need to decrease

b. City Manager wants art in City Hall; lots of bureaucratic hoops working with the City which further overwhelms staff and capacity

c. Looking at Deo Gallery move

d. Future gallery at City Hall; non-juried, more accessible submission procedures; potential spot for middle school student art

i. Tiina is looking for someone to manage this gallery (\$500 per show)

e. Other options for publicly viewed for middle school student art need to be considered in the future

f. UP Arts and Culture Alliance Conference; at NMU Northern Center, 9/28; Tiina will be speaking on a panel (panel @ 11 am)

VII: Old Business

1. To Complete

A. Budget Review -

a. Tiina states that our budget has overlap with other budgets and City entities; can be confusing; she helps clarify

b. Tiina notes that most projects get lumped into the same category 'Professional/Contractual'; we need to make sure spending is being drawn from more specified categories

c. Tiina also notes grant funding needs to be \$30,000 total and not two separate \$15,000 line items on City budget

d. Tiina mentioned \$1500 needs to be allotted towards the Wignall workshop; reiterates that she was backed into the corner, per say, regarding a workshop

9/21 instead of a postponed 2025 date

- i. Wignall purchased plane tickets for his install 9/20 and was under the assumption that a 2024 workshop date was 'okayed'; he likewise requested a 9/21 workshop date while Tiina was on vacation and her staff gave the green light leading to some miscommunication
- ii. Workshop date and structure is overall the most advantageous based on install time
- iii. Future last minute decisions for MPAC-funded events will ideally require a special meeting for voting
- iv. Future meetings will include more specific motions to reflect event/project plans so that minutes have more clear status updates
- e. City staff and Brianna communicate about funding 7 Grandfathers video/videographer; MPAC might be funding all of it
 - i. Motion to pay for 7 Grandfathers video/videographer by Lauren; seconded by Emily. Approved by majority.
- f. Tiina mentions that individuals are looking into donating money to MPAC, particularly due to success of 7 Grandfathers unveiling
- g. Tiina notes we need to consider future charges from Public Works for shoveling around public art like 7 Grandfathers
 - i. Private contract might be less expensive
- h. Motion to include a Budget Report under the Manager Report for every meeting going forward by Emily; seconded by Brianna. Approved by majority.
- i. Alison and Lauren suggest and majority agree that 2025 budget and focus is on maintenance, documentation, document organization, planning, and related procedures

1. Updates

i. Cultural Center

- A. 9/19 architects are meeting with Lions Club and Beautification Committee via Zoom to share/discuss plans
 - 1. Future policies and contracts for landscaping maintenance both at the Park and down by the piers needs to be created; who's job is it?
 - a) How can Friends of MPAC help with this?
 - 2. Public Works and Parks + Recreation are not maintaining the piers currently

ii. Cultural Trail

- A. No updates

iii. 7 Grandfather teachings and Ishkoday fire sculpture

- A. Video will be most likely finished by next meeting, according to Tiina
- B. Tiina interviewed Jason about the importance of sculpture, meaning behind materials, etc.
- C. Discussions between Tiina and the City attorney regarding copyright of sculpture; want to allow Jason to recreate similar work
- D. Motion to accept sculpture into Public Art collection by Emily, seconded by Lauren. Approved by majority.
- E. Jason shared with Tiina the meaning behind each stone.
 - a. Will future signage include this?
 - b. Temporary signage would be helpful
 - c. Brianna mentioned that the public requested seating by sculpture

- iv. Dragonfly Installation and Brian Wignall PD
 - A. Installation will be 9/20 in the afternoon ?2-3pm?
 - B. Workshop 9/21 in Art History lecture room @ AD Building, NMU
 - a. can come for any part of it
 - b. 8 signed up currently
- v. Bandshell Oculus
 - A. Tiina passed along that MPAC does not want responsibility of oculus
 - B. Tiina has ideas to have Julie Benda to work w/ old bandshell wood
 - a. Carved benches possibly; maybe at Cultural Center or City Hall
 - b. Consider in future
- vi. Spear Dock public art
 - A. Concern over the wildflowers covering the art
 - B. Will revisit in the future
- vii. Oscillation
 - A. Discussion on the future of Art Week to make it easier and more manageable

VIII. New Business

- I. Arts and Culture Master Plan Steering Committee
 - a. No updates
- II. Future Project/Goals
 - 1. Artist in Excellence Public Art Project
 - a. Tiina may ask students to vote/provide ideas
 - 2. Kids Cove Mural honoring Holly Greer
 - a. Might have some confusing overlap with other Kids Cove signage
 - i. Community Foundation of Marquette County is interested in working with MPAC to create signage

IX. Committee Reports (as needed)

- 1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission
 - a. Still waiting to meet
- 2. Policy and Maintenance
 - a. Priority of 2025
- 3. K12 Art Newsletter
 - a. Emily and Alison are working on design and finishing up content of newsletter
 - b. They need some info like sculpture media, measurements, and images; will send email requesting content

X. Good of the Order- N/A

XI: Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

The next regular meeting will be at 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, October 9th, 2024.
Respectfully submitted by Alison Taras

Wagner