

Marquette Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

October 8, 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 October 8, 2025.

Roll Call:

Present: Tiina Morin, Lauren Tilma, Jacqueline Wagner, Abby LaForest, Brianna Hobbins, and Alison Taras

Absent: Amy Stephens

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Jacqueline to excuse the absence of Amy Stephens
Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Abby to approve the agenda of the October 8 with minor adjustments.
Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Alison to approve the minutes of the September 10 Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Announcements:

Other Reports:

- A. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager
 - a. Moving the Arts and Culture office and working mostly remote for the transition until the new space it open
 - b. Great turnout at the Arts and Culture award ceremony
 - c. Alliance conference presentation by Amelia about the Cultural Trail - Connection and relationship building makes for a better experience; not only end results
 - d. Looking for Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
 - e. 7 Grandfather's Video at Fresh Coast Film Festival
 - f. Artists in Excellence got a grant to create a new mural.

Officer Reports:

MPAC Chair Report [Brianna Hobbins](#)- Congratulations to Jacqueline Wagner for the Art Educator Award

Unfinished Business:

Updates

- I. Freedom Monument- Approved and going forward. Iris spoke on public comment at the most recent City Commission meeting. The funds will go to "friends of" and then MPAC will make a request to write a check to the City for the total amount of the monument and maintenance.
- II. Motion by Lauren, to approve the authorization of MPAC to request funds donated to Friend Of by Iris Katers, based on the invoice by the Fassbender-Hanson funeral home in the form as a check to the City for the total amount of the Freedom Monument. Motioned seconded by Jacqueline. All in favor.
- III. Seven Grandfathers Teachings Monument - Formal contracts will be drawn up for Jason Quigno's sculpture and Sherri Loonsfoot cultural trail artwork. Steve Leuthold might be an appropriate contact for the contract language as he has published work on indigenous art titled *Indigenous Aesthetics: Native Art, Media and identity*.
- IV. Fr. Marquette statue maintenance - Contract approved by Emerson for supplies and statue maintenance. Supplies need to be ordered, and Emerson will be in contact with Tiina to complete the work.
- V. Google Account - Email and drive have been created for MPAC marquettepublicartcommission@gmail.com. We will work on transferring all documents to the new drive, and organizing the new drive at a later date.
- VI. Trail Head ceiling sculpture - Community Foundation has been donated a large amount of money to be used on the Cultural Trailhead Building in the form of a grant. Hans will be designing more lighting, shelving, etc. A contract will be needed to be created for Hans.

New Business

- a. Upright Piano - Standing offer for the ancient upright piano. Ideas were shared for community painting opportunities and then possible location ideas (Marquette Commons).
- b. Cultural Trail Head - Matt Tucker presentation next month about the Lakeside Park - landscape architect. There is a potential funding opportunity for landscaping. We will know more next month after Matt Tucker's presentation.
- c. Kids Cove Signage/Community Foundation Grant
 1. Sign company quotes: share December
 2. Sending out RFP but also inviting specific artists to apply. Ideas shared such as reaching out to Julie Benda or Carol Phillips
- d. Homework
 1. Public Art guidelines review, and policy review is low priority
 2. Mqt Compass review
 3. City Commission Members mentioned "bold art ideas". A community survey would need to be more of a formal process to get community feedback. Lauren mentioned Ruby Miller is gaining access to the bronze casting process so she could be a potential artist to reach out to in the future. A more developed cultural plan is needed to collaborate with other city departments.
- e. Discuss need/interest for paid internship via NMU - Need a written foreseen job description and list of designated tasks that would be completed in this role for consideration. A paid internship from NMU

has the potential for a more formal application process. NMU Career Services might be a legitimate contact. Request for Tiina to create a written job description and lists of tasks for us to review.

f. Newsletter

1. Discussed the need to hold a Newsletter subcommittee meeting. Alison offered to initiate email exchange for meeting and to begin working on newsletter.

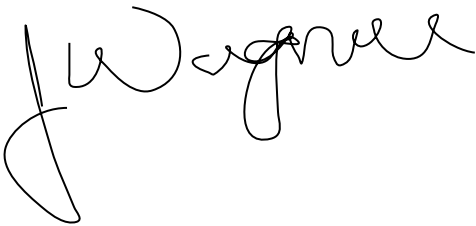
Public Comments:

Member Comments: Revolve November 7-8th

Chair Comments:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted by

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

Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary
Marquette Public Art Commission

11/12/25

Date approved