

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Cultural Center, Marquette, MI

October 9, 2024

I. Call to Order: 6:36pm

II. Roll Call:

Present: Tiina Morin (arriving late), Alison Taras, Amy Stephens, Lauren Tilma, and Brianna Hobbins

Excused: Emily Tobin LaVoy

III. Approval of Agenda/Minutes:

1. Motion to approve October 9th agenda by Lauren, seconded by Brianna.

Approved by majority.

2. Motion to approve September minutes by Jacqueline; seconded by Lauren.

Approved by majority.

IV. Public Comment- N/A

V. Committee Reports (as needed)

- a. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission
- b. Policy and Maintenance Procedures and Directory - Plan is to develop this more in 2025, Alison to organize the shared drive, Create master calendar, create MPAC drive and email separate from OneDrive
- c. K12 Art Newsletter; current status - Headshots needed from MPAC members, meeting on Monday Oct. 14th, materials and dimensions from the 7 Grandfather Sculptures needed, sharing with K-12, homeschool groups, daycares, boy scouts/girl scouts, etc. (contacts needed), include sponsors in newsletter, include appropriate naming

VI. New Business

- i. Public Art Fund (PAF) Expenditures protocols - Motion, by Lauren, to approve the Chair to have the ability to approve emergency expenditures up to \$5,000 for short notice needs between meeting dates, seconded by Amy. If the chair does not respond within 48 hours, the vice chair can assume decision making powers. All in favor.
- ii. Arts and Culture Master Plan Steering Committee - One MPAC member must be included in the Arts and Culture Master Plan Steering Committee to serve as a liaison. Amy, Brianna, and Alison are potential liaison/advocates for this committee. Interested in a rotating basis if possible.
- iii. Future Projects/Goals
 - 1. Honoring Holly Greer - Ideas for the future might be signage, archway, etc.

2. Cultural Center Mosaic/Mural - Water theme, shoreline/topographic map, Mia Tavonatti mosaic's work we are VERY interested in
3. Cultural Center - Local Pendants Tapio
4. Public Art Directory & Website administration - Looking into intern for MPAC in the near future, possibly connection with NMU Art and Design and post through Handshake
5. Continue to take Indigenous sensitivities into account as we work towards more public art and honor our past
6. Oscillation - 7AM-12AM Dec 10 - Jan 5

VII: Manager Report

1. Tiina Morin
 - a. New Exhibit at Library, Annual Art Awards this Sunday Oct 13th.
 - b. Dragonfly and Seven Grandfather Teachings signage coming
 - c. First draft on video for 7 Grandfathers - we have listed some suggestions for the editing of the video

VIII. Old Business

1. To Complete
 - i. Dragonfly - Great turnout at Brian Wignall professional development.
2. Updates
 - i. Cultural Center - environment assessments and architectural assessments
 - ii. Cultural Trail
 - iii. Ishkode (fire sculpture) - \$110,000 grant for fire sculpture and training as been applied for, we are waiting to hear back
 - iv. Superior Watershed requested funds to the state to provide landscaping around the 7 Grandfathers, but we like the idea of consulting with others to see how they see the area to be interacted with in terms of landscaping and sense of community. We need to consult in the NEA, Jason, tribal members, etc.
 - v. Budget Review - Motion by Lauren to approve sculpture and send out payment as soon as Brian Wignall submits final requirements, seconded by Jacqueline. All in favor.

IX. X. Good of the Order- N/A

XI: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

The next regular meeting will be at 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, November 13th, 2024. Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Wagner

