

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Cultural Center, Marquette, MI

October 11th, 2023

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm

II. Roll Call:

Present: Lance Larson, Amy Stephens, Lauren Tilma, Tracy Wascom, Brianna Hobbins, and Tiina Morin; Visitor: Mike

III. Approval of Agenda/Minutes:

- i. Motion to Propose amendment to agenda to accommodate 2024 meeting schedule discussion. Approved by majority.
- ii. Motion to approve September Minutes by Amy, seconded by Lauren.
Approved by majority.

IV. Public Comment

No in person comments.

V. MPAC Chair Report

- i. Tracy Wascom – Great turnout to support Jason Quigno at the City Commission Meeting. Annual Art awards coming up this weekend.

VI. Manager Report

- New Exhibit in the Peter White Public Library. Thursday night reception, Oct. 12th.
- City Hall; Gene Bertram Art Educator Award winner. Annual Art Awards Sunday, 6-7 pm October 15.
- SmartZone 3D printing lab opportunity to tour on Friday, Oct. 13th. Saturday, Oct. 14th Public Art Tour.
- Jason Quigno involved with Revolve as keynote speaker
- MPAC RAP and SPARK Grant recipient: Grant money will be used to build a Cultural Center and trailhead.

VII: Old Business

1. Updates

i. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s); discussion of City Commission meeting with Jason Quigno on Oct. 10th. The meeting went well with unanimous approval and support. Phase 2 was discussed for the future. Next step, Jason will invoice us. He is looking into quarries to source the stone from locally. He will be a keynote speaker at the upcoming Revolve Conference. Site preparation will be happening in the future, as well. Installation of art will be June 21, 2024.

ii. OSCILLATION; City has approved the project and the lease has been signed. The target for installation is December 2024. Gives us time to apply for other grant opportunities. Possibility to partner with DDA with a future festival. Location TBD.

iii. Spear Dock public art; benches– Mike came to discuss the fabrication of the end cap benches. Thoughts about using aluminum to keep the structure light, 16-20 approx. end cap units would be needed. Will need to visit the site to discuss what color to powder coat the end caps. Will need to make sure that the end caps are removable to restore artwork when needed. RFQ approximately

Jan/Feb 2024 for installation in the Summer/Fall of 2024. Discussion about putting out a general RFQ, or inviting specific artists for the first installation. PAC members will visit the site this month before November's meeting to discuss the color of the end caps at the next meeting.

iv. Dragonfly sculpture at Playground for All: RFQ end of October deadline 2023. So far, there are two submissions. Discussion about Artists meeting with art conservationists to discuss the plan for potential maintenance of sculptures. Discussion about copyright for future artwork installations. Review Dragonfly designs at the next meeting.

v. K12 Art Education Newsletter; review 2nd draft. Expand the Word to Live By section. Reach out to Linnea Gustafson for a quote. Possibly send out a quarterly newsletter. Target newsletter release is November 2023. Final approval at the November meeting. Adding a "teaching resource" area to www.MQTCompass.com. Discussion about paying someone to create the newsletters in the future.

vi. Conservation Assessment; status. Recent conservators from MACC visited our area to view Marquette public art pieces. They will share their recommendations for best practices for maintenance of our public art in a thorough report.

vii. Words to Live & Bike By; timeline for removal of "first wave" words will be revised Summer 2024 (hope, gratitude, dream, remember, and respect). Motion by Lauren to have installation during Art Week 2024 (last week of June 2024), seconded by Amy. Approved by majority. Vote on stipend for artists at the next meeting after reviewing the budget.

VIII. New Business

- I. Endia Beal keynote Oct. 16th Art and Design building
- II. November 8th 2023 Film Screening Warrior Lawyers

IX. Good of the Order

X: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

The next regular meeting will be at 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, November 8th, 2023.
Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Wagner



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