

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center

October 12, 2022

6:33pm

Meeting began at 6:33 PM.

Present: Steven Hughes, Linnea Gustafson, Tracy Wascom, Tiina Morin

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Steven Hughes, Linnea Gustafson, Tracy Wascom.

Absent: Kristina Behrens (excused)

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Agenda approved. August minutes approved.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. MPAC Chair Report

Reached out to Midwest Sculpture Commission, Marquette is too far to travel for them and the artists that they work with.

VI. Manager Report

The Art Awards was a great event. Kristina did an excellent job speaking. Alex Flannery gave remarks from the state perspective and Jeremy Hoskins (governor rep) read the national arts and humanities proclamation (for the month of October). Marc Himes and Louise Laakso Lundin art opening in the Deo Gallery on Oct. 13th. City hired consultant to develop new master plan for the City. Discussion on how to advocate for Arts with focus on “bottom line.”

Artists in Excellence started in August, met with local art teachers. Selecting 5 upperclassmen, one experience a month, starting Oct. 13th. Experiences include:

- Art in Higher ED—Considering a day at NMU in the spring.
- Art of Business—tour local artist studios.
- Art of Messaging—marketing/graphic design
- Art is Everywhere—public art and placemaking.
- Art in the classroom—presentation/critique.
- Art/Tech—Innovate MQT/SmartZone.
- Art of Collaboration—installation with local artist.
- Art on Display—High School Art Show.

VII. Old Business

1. Queen City Courts Maintenance Plan [Tiina]
 - a. Jon Swenson concerned about slippery nature and would rather not orange fence it off. Consider adding more sealant every 2-5 years. No snow will be piled on the surface. No plowing. Maintenance says site receives only foot traffic. Tarp would be considerable maintenance.
 - b. Cost of Sealant to consider for future budget (approx. \$700)
 - c. Original artists okay with third party coming in and touching up. Have a drone photo with paint by numbers to aide. Gustafson recommended Stella Larkin for future touch-ups.
 - d. Final invoice for \$500 for the extra work on the backboard. Gustafson motioned to approve. Hughes seconded. All in favor.
 - e. Nels Lindquist - Drone footage video and photo documentation \$500. Hughes motioned to approve. Gustafson seconded. All in favor.
 - f. Tiina will follow up on documentation/video footage from the Artists.
2. Artist Directory/Marquette Compass updates [Kristina/Tiina/Tracy]
 - a. Tracy shared draft descriptions for Dale Wedig public art work.
 - b. Tracy will reach out again to Sherri Loonsfoot for description.
3. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s) [Tiina]
 - a. Met with Dan Truckey to share information at the Sonderegger Symposium
4. Collection Signage updates [Tracy]
 - a. Reached out to vendors again. Down to one now, locally.
 - b. Get the signs fabricated now, once the name/date are confirmed. Install in the spring. Show an actual sign during presentation to City Commission in December.
5. MPAC vacancies
 - a. Check status on previous interested parties.
 - b. Gustafson will have two interested parties attend the next meeting.
 - c. Hughes and Gustafson will be off MPAC after January meeting.
6. Confirmation of budget allocations/encumbrances
 - a. Advocate for conservation/maintenance plan quote to come from one of the vendors that are available if a third can't be located.

VIII. New Business

1. Spear Dock – current status; considerations of potential RFP for public art
 - a. There will be a ribbon cutting. Open before the snow falls
 - b. Tiina will find out about bench installation.
 - c. Plan for starting an RFP in January (annual? biannual?)
2. Information to spotlight in December presentation to City Commission

- a. Queen City Courts (video) and picture of the whole location and partnership with playground.
- b. Creative Parks didn't happen, but planning to engage in education for how a project could happen.
- c. Speardock (after update)
- d. Discuss next meeting: Words to live and bike by – propose locations. Will we provide words again or ask for submissions?
- e. Maintenance plan

IX. Committee Reports

1. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission – No update
2. Policy and Maintenance – dependent on answer can conservation/maintenance plan quote to come from one of the vendors that are available if a third can't be located.

X. Good of the Order

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be November 9, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Submitted by Steven Hughes.



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