

MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 13, 2021
Marquette Arts & Culture Center, Peter White Public Library
Marquette, MI

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Present: Maureen Tyrrell, Linnea Gustafson, Emily Lanctot, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens, Emily Lanctot and Tiina Morin.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

Linnea Gustafson, Maureen Tyrrell, Emily Lanctot, Tracy Wascom, Kristina Behrens
Absent: Steven Hughes – excused

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Motion by Emily Lanctot to consent agenda, seconded by Kristina Behrens. All were in favor.

Motion made by Emily Lanctot to approve August Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Linnea Gustafson. Tracy Wascom and Kristina Behrens abstained. All others were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. MPAC Chair Report/Vice Chair Report

Discussion of quality and time allowances by Tracy to ensure commission is properly executing tasks and responsibilities.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina provides update on Art Awards, Compass, and meeting with Marquette Monthly. Discussion of activities to be added to Compass, Marquette Monthly for communication to community. Grant reporting and awards were discussed. Tiina continues to receive artist and community member surveys for First Thursday program. Marquette Arts & Culture Center will have table at Revolve, non-profit conference to grow and lead. Holiday Art Sale to be held at the History Center; Tiina to help with posters. Updated on Alliance board meeting/reception at Graci Gallery for artist directory and advocacy work, highlighting committee availability for community members. Tiina provides update that her team can write and compose RFPs, contracts, etc., to help relieve some of the work commitments and needs of the MPAC members. Laser lighting update provided by Tiina; Arts & Culture Committee are in favor. City Manager team is writing up agreement. Testing to be completed Tuesday and Wednesday (October 19 and 20).

VII. Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission Report

Tiina provided update that Friends of MPAC is accepting donations in honor of community members who have died.

VIII. Old Business

1. Prismatic – No update.
2. Queen City Courts – Updates
Tiina provided update. Pavement is done, line work to be completed in June before mural.
3. Creative Parks
Emily provided update. Language updated and will need to evaluate timeline. Theme for project is water. Plan for release to community for proposals during Art Week.
4. DIA Inside|Out update – Emily reports having difficulty connecting with DIA. This will be on hold for now until increased resources available at DIA.
5. Conservation Report – For city owned art assessments, the contract must be presented to City Commission for approval prior to scheduling assessment.
6. Signage for MAPP – Signs to be purchased through Cook Signs. Top end for pricing is 450.00. Plan to start with 10 signs as this would fit in the planned 5,000.00 budget. Plan to decide on which 10 signs to start with after assessment has been completed. Commission discussed cataloging artwork with signage. Tracy to draft sign for November meeting.
7. MPAC writeup for website updates – No current update. Kristina will provide “About Us” write up for November meeting.
8. MPAC Strategic Plan – Discussion of Master Plan/Strategic Planning. Discussion of vision for long term planning for arts in Marquette and how/what steps MPAC will be taking to achieve goals. Discussed priorities for next several years, community impact, sustainment, growing/expansion, educating on public art in Marquette. MPAC will have approximately 30,000.00 annual budget to work with for Fiscal years: 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Tracy to put budget on MPAC Google drive to get document started.

IX. Recruitment of new member to fill MPAC vacancy

1. Consideration of potential new member: Alex Flannery; however, may not be able due to current career position.
2. This vacant position can be filled by a community member. Each member is encouraged to recruit for position.

X. Committee Reports

1. Public Art Inventory/Outreach/Artsopolis – Not discussed.
2. Policy and Maintenance – Not discussed.

XI. Good of the Order

None

XII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be November 10, 2021, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Tyrrell.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Tyrrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.