

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center

November 9, 2022

6:30pm

Meeting began at 6:35 PM.

Present: Steven Hughes, Kristina Behrens, Tracy Wascom, Linnea Gustafson, Tiina Morin, Lauren Tilma

I. Call to Order

Chairperson, Tracy Wascom, called meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Steven Hughes, Kristina Behrens, Tracy Wascom. Linnea Gustafson.

III. Consent Agenda/Approval Minutes

Steven motioned to approve agenda, Kristina seconded motion. All were in favor – approved.

Linnea motioned to approve minutes, Tracy seconded motion. Kristina and Steven abstained.

Others in favor – approved.

IV. Public Comment

Lauren Tilma introduced herself. She is the art teacher at Northstar Academy in Marquette. She is interested in attending the meeting and learning more about MPAC.

V. MPAC Chair Report

Tracy Wascom has been working on the annual update presentation to the Marquette City Commission. She is looking for help from other MPAC members to provide updates on their various items. Tiina Morin mentioned that there is an option to move the presentation to January 9th or 30th, rather than December.

Additionally, Tracy spoke to her involvement on a recent panel at the Revolve CC.

VI. Manager Report

Tiina Morin highlighted the new exhibit in the gallery.

She recently hosted the second public art tour in conjunction with the Lake Superior Community Partnership.

MACC staff is moving forward with planning for Art Week 2023. The theme is “home”. They are considering integration with the Marquette city master plan updates and ways to promote community outreach.

MACC staff also recently participated in the Revolve CC.

Tiina discussed ways they are considering funding for the former LSCP building as an urban trailhead, providing opportunities to learn about the multiuse pathway and also incorporate an art gallery. More details to follow as this concept takes shape for funding opportunities.

VII. Old Business

1. Queen City Courts; wrap-up

- a. Payment now complete for backboards. Maintenance plan in place. Video and photos have been exchanged between MACC and the artists. Only pending a list of colors from the artists for future touch-ups.
- b. A discussion among MPAC around crediting photos (image licensing) still needs to take place.

2. Artist Directory/Marquette Compass updates

- a. MPAC to submit info to Tiina and Amelia by Dec 2nd. Amelia will link to a draft page. Tracy has largely completed her updates. Kristina will work on hers by this deadline.
- b. MPAC is requesting that the name of the artist be added as the first part of the description, so that it is very salient at the top.
- c. Also requested that information to make donations to Friends of MPAC (to the Range Bank account) be added to the website.

3. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s) updates

- a. Tiina attended a KBIC Cultural Committee event through Michigan Tech. They highlighted consideration of a thoughtful approach to the land acknowledgement component, over an expedient one.
- b. The Cultural Committee is comfortable with proposed locations for potential indigenous art. Tracy asked if MPAC should move forward with any preparation at this time, but Tiina will first coordinate review of prior presentation and collection of feedback.
- c. Tiina has also had other meetings for feedback on the project, including with Leora Tadgerson and Dr. Jacqueline Medina.
- d. Our Town grant monies will need to be used by 2024. There is some clarification needed as to what degree/which stage this needs to be implemented by that timeline.

4. Collection Signage update

- a. Rather than having one sample produced, Tracy requested to have all produced at once for the sake of efficiency and cost effectiveness. Tiina will follow up.

5. MPAC vacancies

- a. Tiina shared that Hannah Milkie, a local artist, has applied. Lauren Tilma, who was present, said that she intends to apply.

6. Spear Dock; status

- a. Electricity to be live in 2 weeks. The construction barriers will be coming down, and a ribbon cutting is planned for spring 2023.
- b. Tiina will visit the site to take photos. She has been provided information that benches will be available for art. MPAC will need to finalize logistics (e.g. frequency of installations, how many at once, etc.). The goal is for a January 2023 RFP.

7. Prismatic; status

- a. The timeline is now looking like winter 2023-2024 (TBD Jan 2024).
- b. No additional funding has been procured. Currently, \$10,000 from MPAC budget is earmarked toward Prismatic. The request for funding from Veridea is still open at this time. Tiina will reach out to Travel Marquette (through MACC) for potential funding.

- c. For the funding asks, Tracy will contact Prismatic for economic impact metrics to provide a case.

VIII. New Business

8. 1. Review draft of presentation for December City Commission meeting

- a. Tracy Wascom presented a draft to MPAC. The presentation to City Commission will be requested to be moved to the Jan 30th meeting. Tracy will bring an update next meeting for MPAC review.

9. 2. Discussion of next iteration of Words to Live and Bike By

- a. New locations will be needed. Examples discussed: view from the hospital; near Tourist Park; near 7th St fields.
- b. For the December MPAC meeting, each commissioner will come up with 4-5 ideas for locations. Photos or a map would be helpful.
- c. Tiina will ask Marquette Community Development group for suggested locations too.
- d. As MPAC moves to the planning process, they will consider hiring paid help for stenciling, in order to better facilitate 5 locations (difficult with current MACC staff capacity).

10. 3. Artist's in Excellence program

- a. Tiina requested that if anyone has ideas for locations for an art project, to let her know.

11. 4. Urban Trail Head

- a. Applicable to former LSCP building. Grant funding is TBD. Tiina requested that if anyone has ideas for this area, to let her know.

IX. Committee Reports (as needed)

None.

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None.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be December 14, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Submitted by Kristina Behrens.



Prepared for official upload (8/17/23) by T. Wascom, Chair of Marquette Public Art Commission