

CITY OF MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center

December 14, 2022

6:30pm

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Present: Steven Hughes, Kristina Behrens, Tracy Wascom, Linnea Gustafson, Lance Larson, Lauren Tilma, Hannah Milkie.

Absent: Tiina Morin (excused).

I. Call to Order

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

Steven motioned to approve minutes, Linnea seconded motion. All were in favor – approved.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. MPAC Chair Report

None, other than updates covered below.

VI. Manager Report

None, Tiina had a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend.

VII. Old Business

1. Artist's Directory/Marquette Compass
 - a. Public Art Directory on MQT Compass now live. Will be treated as a work in progress and added to on an ongoing basis. Amelia updated the spreadsheet and has saved it to the MPAC Google Drive.
 - b. Ongoing updates may be funneled to Amelia. Tracy collected a list of immediate feedback to pass on. Linnea will send Amelia the pins that are misplaced on the map.
2. Cultural Trail, Indigenous Art Project(s) updates
 - a. Based on last visit with KBIC Cultural Committee, MPAC will propose broad themes to help with RFP. Discussion to continue in January 2023.
3. Collection Signage
 - a. Tracy will provide the Public Art Directory spreadsheet to the signage group to begin production, with a goal to install in Spring 2023.
4. MPAC Vacancies

- a. Linnea and Steve will term off in February 2023. Lance and Hannah are awaiting their official appointment, and Lauren has submitted an application.
 - b. Previous applicants from 2022 who had not met the residency requirement at the time may be coming up on the one-year requirement.
- 5. Spear Dock; status, timeline for RFP
 - a. Brainstormed 4-6 bench caps initially, and then a slower annual rollout beyond that. Other considerations to finalize are whether this call will be open to local artists, artists with local ties, etc., as well as a name to brand this project. These topics will be finalized in a future meeting.
 - b. A previous question to still answer is whether the “window” to the lake on the North Pier will have any sort of frame or other surface for art.
- 6. Words to Live & Bike By; proposed locations, update of RFP, timelines
 - a. There was general consensus for two locations:
 - i. Near McClellan Ave (to be finalized whether location is south of Fair, or north i.e. closer to Center St);
 - ii. Between the Hospital and 7th Street Fields (to be finalized whether location is directly behind the hospital, closer to Beacon House, or closer to Snowberry)
 - b. Additional proposed locations included: a further north section of the bike path (e.g. near Tourist Park); in a neighborhood like near the Sherman St intersection; the McClellan Ave overpass or near Bothwell.
 - c. Topics to be finalized in January 2023 are the locations (up to 5, if MPAC will hire paid help with stenciling), and whether MPAC will come up with the words or allow the artists to propose their own words.

VIII. New Business

- 7. Review draft of presentation for January City Commission meeting, continued
 - a. Did not review as a group; Tracy feels she has the necessary information to move forward on the presentation draft.
- 8. Prismatic alternatives; including reviewing options and quotes
 - a. Prismatic is no longer available. Three alternatives from CREOS were briefly presented – Optik, Oscillation, and Los Trompos. Discussion will be moved to January 2023 agenda.
- 9. Initial brainstorm of educational initiatives with Marquette Public Art; goals, potential
 - a. Did not review in detail; will move to future meeting agenda.

IX. Committee Reports (as needed)

None.

X. Good of the Order

None.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Next scheduled regular meeting will be January 11, 2023, at 6:30PM.

Submitted by Kristina Behrens.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Wascom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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