



**City of Marquette, MI**  
**Minutes**  
**Arts & Culture Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**  
**5:30pm**

**Peter White Public Library - City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center**

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**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee was held in Peter White Public Library, Marquette, MI on Tuesday, October 7. The meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Maddie Goodman, Secretary Athena Stanley, Walker Derby, Youth Mateo  
Absent (Excused): Vice Chair Tom Adolphs, Travis Gerhart  
Staff Present: Arts and Culture Manager Tiina Morin

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Moved by Maddie, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Moved by Walker, seconded by Maddie to approve the minutes from September. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentation(s):** None.

**Other Reports:**

**1. Staff Liaison Report – Tiina Morin, Arts & Culture Manager**

New Arts and Culture Center

- The ongoing move has required significant effort and coordination.
- Staff are determining future work locations.
- Storage and transition materials are presently located at Lakeview Arena.
- The new Arts & Culture Center continues progressing well, supported by a Community Foundation grant to fund lighting, furniture, and fireplace.
- Estimated move-in: March 2026; anticipated opening: July 2026.
- Staff are focusing on community engagement efforts during the transition.

Recent Activities

- Amelia presented at the Upper Peninsula Arts & Culture Alliance Conference on the Cultural Trail case study highlighting Anishinaabe connections.
- Tiina and Amelia will present at the Connect Conference on the theme of relationships, emphasizing “putting relationships first” in project work.
- Preparations underway for Fresh Coast.
- Public Art: Advancing Phase 2 of the Seven Grandfathers project.
- Collaboration with Friends of Marquette Public Art (through Iris Katers) on a Freedom Monument in Harlow Park focused on the Constitution and civic values.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **1. Annual Presentation**

Tentatively for January 2026.

#### **2. DDA Partnership**

Ongoing collaboration with the Cultural Trail project.

#### **3. Upcoming Presentation**

Invitation for Amelia and Tristan to present on the Cultural Trail in ACAC meeting in November or December.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Annual Arts Awards**

- ACAC celebrated the success of the 2025 Arts Awards event.
- Suggestions for future improvements:
  - Maintain word count/length guidelines for speeches.
  - Introduce and recognize ACAC members during the ceremony, noting that recipients are selected by a subcommittee.
  - ACAC members expressed willingness to assist staff with future events to ensure additional support.
  - Provide nametags for City staff and ACAC members at future events.
  - Celebrate the diverse and interdisciplinary nature of awardees (e.g., businesses, educators).
  - Brainstormed strategies to encourage greater community turnout next year.
  - Positive feedback on the Ore Dock Brewing Company venue; food setup was effective, and the main space bartender was appreciated.
  - Discussed anonymous nominations.
  - Discussed the idea of creating a “yearbook” of past award winners.
  - Overall enthusiasm expressed for continuing to grow the event and its impact.

#### **2. Office Transition**

- Will ensure public accessibility to Arts & Culture staff during relocation.

- Options under consideration include Lakeview Arena side-rooms, coworking spaces, PWPL, and morning/afternoon 'office' sessions.
- Plans to improve communication visibility through social media and signage in shared spaces.
- Office phones temporarily transitioned to mobile, with email continuing as the primary communication method.

### 3. Art Week Memo

Tiina will send an Art Week memo to ACAC members for review.

### 4. Community Engagement

Continued focus on engagement opportunities related to:

- Seven Grandfathers project
- Public Art initiatives
- New Arts & Culture Center (encouraging visitor participation and cultural plan engagement)
- Civic partnerships (attending board meetings with LSAA, Marquette Symphony, etc.)
- Community Room Arts & Culture update(s)

**Public Comment:** None.

**Comments from Board/Committee members:** None.


**Comment from the Chair:** None.

**Comments from the Staff Liaison:** None.

### Adjournment:

***Motion:*** Moved by Maddie, seconded by Walker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



11/04/2025

Dr. Athena Stanley, Secretary  
Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Date approved