

Minutes Arts and Culture Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 2023

Call To Order

Roll Call – Walker Derby, Madelaine Goodman, Madeline Arquette, Jamie Weeder, Caden Reed, Mateo McNeely, Jon Teichman, Travis Gerhart.

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Approval of September Minutes

Chair Report – Jamie Weeder – No Report

Manager's Report – Tiina Morin – Brief updates – one thing to consider attending Arts & Culture Alliance Tuesday 5-5:30pm Tour of Negaunee w/ free pizza at UP Brewing Co.
MEDC Revitalization and DNR SPARK Grants over 1 million dollars
Development of a new trail head + cultural center at old LSCP building
Special meeting needed to guide/direct working towards new location.

Old Business

State of the Arts – Tiina talked about keeping these on the agenda – bringing the creative community together – what the needs are in our community – gather creatives together to assess larger needs in our community – great turnout at past meeting at Ore Dock – w/ changes at Cultural Center & met w/ PWPL leadership re: future of the space & venue – downstairs space might change in the future.

Discussion of music venues and performance spaces in Marquette County for “State of the Arts” historically the focus has been on visual arts, but we could explore this further in a larger discussion or a special session. There’s a hope this will unfold as a larger discussion.

Art Week Impact Study/2024 Plan – Tiina shared summary of a 30-pg. document

The impact report is a 7-page summary. There’s a need for a strong, working committee with the business we must accomplish.

Using Art Week as a tool – using art to align w/ Mqt. Master plan themes

Because of these new grants – What is the focus for Art Week?

Use of funding/grants to support connect partner w/ people to write grants

Discussion of non-profit versus for-profit

Art week focused on City of Marquette Master plan

Using this community event to get information out to larger art/creative community

Economic Impact Plan – tabled for next meeting.

Art & Culture Master Plan – tabled for next meeting.

Community Master Plan – tabled for next meeting.

New Business

Library Transition – discussion of grant and move from our 25-year space in lower level of PWPLW lease is up in 2025. Met w/ PWPL administration and need to be transparent about the road forward and sharing information – PWPL doesn’t know what they want to do w/ this lower level space vacated by Arts/Culture w/ future move. Discussion of how things have changed in Marquette for arts in last 25 years. Plan to move from PWPL space in 2025. January 2024 meeting for groups that regularly utilize this space and do a needs assessment plus a large community meeting plus a survey to determine what Marquette residents and artists need from this lower level space.

Eye opening discussion about why this space is important and what groups use that space throughout the year on a weekly, daily or monthly basis.

Grant has been written for a feasibility study for a larger community center for art/senior activity
Downstairs space rental is 30k annually or \$2500 monthly so discussion of what will take the
place of that lost revenue for PWPL. Clarifying – PWPL is going to take over the space and
utilize it for programming – staff time is consumed w/ managing spaces/reservations. An
opportunity to make it better and improve it -

Cultural Center Project – Tiina would like this group to be involved in this ongoing conversation.

A & C 2024 Meeting Schedule – Proposed 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month as our future
meeting – discussion of day for our meeting – motion proposed 2024 schedule (1st Tuesday of
Every Month) looking at future dates for the City of Marquette calendar for entire

Meeting Date Discussion

1st Tuesday of the month for 2024 at 5:30 p.m. – motion passed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. back downstairs in the arts & culture center

Good of the Order: REVOLVE conference, south Marquette arts open house space limited
ticketed event, Thursday, November 30 – Jamie Weeder has more information about how to get
tickets and attend this presentation.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Teichman

Signed: Jaime Weeder, Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Chair



Signed: Madeline Arquette, Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Secretary