



City of Marquette, MI
Minutes
Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 4, 2025
5:30pm

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

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee was held at the Peter White Public Library, Marquette, MI, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The meeting was convened at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Maddie Goodman.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Maddie Goodman, Vice Chair Tom Adolphs, Secretary Dr. Athena Stanley, Youth Representative Mateo, Tristan Luoma, Amelia Pruiett

Absent (Excused): Walker Derby (motion to excuse by Maddie, seconded by Tom A., approved); Travis Gerhart (motion to excuse by Athena, seconded by Amelia, approved)

Staff Present: None (Arts & Culture Manager Tiina Morin absent, excused due to illness)

New Member: Johanna Worley was welcomed as a new committee member. Formal introductions will take place upon Tiina's return. The Committee expressed enthusiasm about welcoming new members.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Maddie, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes from the October 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: None.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation(s): None.

Other Reports: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- 1. Office of Arts & Culture Update – Presented by Amelia Pruiett and Tristan Luoma**

- Amelia and Tristan shared a pilot version of the official Arts & Culture presentation, which is being finalized. Amelia will email the presentation to ACAC.
 - Department of Community Services overview
 - Arts & Culture: Cultural Trailhead, 501 S. Front St.
 - Senior Services: Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St.
 - Parks & Recreation: Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.
 - Director: John Swenson oversees all three divisions.
 - City of Marquette Arts & Culture Office responsibilities reviewed
 - Public art policy and collection
 - Marquette Shoreline Cultural Trailhead
 - Advocacy and resources for the creative community
 - Partnered programs (e.g., Public Gallery Program, Senior Arts, Artists in Excellence)
 - Annual Arts Awards
 - MQTcompass.com
 - Advisement on City policies and procedures
 - Arts & Culture Center development update
 - The new Arts & Culture Center will be physically connected to the Cultural Trailhead.
 - Dual-language signage (Anishinaabemowin & English) already developed in partnership with the Superior Watershed Partnership.
 - The Seven Grandfathers project remains a continuing collaboration.
 - ✓ Community partnerships have included NMU students' laser lightshow on the Ore Dock celebrating the Seven Grandfathers teachings.
 - Funding sources include DNR and MEDC grants for revitalizing underused spaces.
 - The Marquette Lions Club was recognized for their support of landscaping and beautification projects, including ongoing collaboration in park restoration.
 - A "Mural Map" is being considered for display in the new Arts & Culture Center to encourage community engagement.
 - The Center will serve as a "third space", after home (1) and work (2): A community (3) living room fostering connection and creativity.
- Arts & Culture Master Plan 2025
 - ACAC will have an opportunity to provide input.
 - Plan development will be informed by listening sessions, of which hundreds have been held to date.
- ACAC Role Discussion
 - The Cultural Trailhead will act as the community's front porch, preserving public park space and encouraging civic connection.

- Committee invited to reflect on questions such as:
 - How to introduce the Cultural Trailhead to the community
 - Which resources should be prioritized (e.g., mural map, MQTcompass kiosk, updated magazine, video features, fireside chats, public art, trail maps)
 - How to align with existing City arts efforts and complement the Cultural Plan
 - How the space should function and what resources the community most needs
 - Developing curriculum and interpretation for trail and public art initiatives

2. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- To be addressed at the next meeting upon Tiina's return.

3. Annual Presentation – January 2026

- Committee members were asked to consider participation in the City Commission presentation.
- Discussion will continue at the next meeting when Tiina is present.

Public Comment: None.

Comments from Board/Committee members:

1. **Beth Millner Exhibit:** *Personal Estate Paintings* on display at Gallery Marquette, 130 W. Washington St., October 28, 2025 – January 5, 2026.
 - Art Reception & Sale: Thursday, November 13, 4–7 p.m.
2. **Great Lakes Great Responsibility Auction:** 20 Artists, 1 Inspiration: The Great Lakes — online auction running October 26 – November 9, 2025 (closes at 7 p.m.).

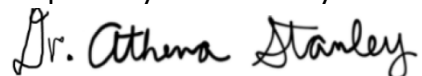
Comment from the Chair: None.

Comments from the Staff Liaison: None.

Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Maddie, seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



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

12/2/2025

Date approved