

## City of Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

November 5, 2024

5:30 p.m.

- Attendees: Madeline Arquette (Chair)  
Tiina Morin (Manager)  
Tom Adolphs (Vice Chair)  
Athena Stanley (Secretary)  
Madeline Goodman  
Walker Derby  
Mateo Rangel  
Travis Gerhart
- Time: 5:30 – 6:36 p.m.
- Call to Order: Madeline Arquette calls to order (5:35 p.m.)
- Roll Call: See attendees above (5:40 p.m.)  
Welcome back, Tom Adolphs  
Short introductions from newer members to welcome Tom
- Approval of Minutes: October (5:43 p.m.)  
Walker makes a motion to approve the October minutes, Tom seconds
- Consent Agenda: (5:46 p.m.)  
Madeline A. makes a motion to approve, Madeline G. seconds
- Reports:
- Chair Report (5:47 p.m.)  
Roles and responsibilities review – Madeline A. will work with Tiina to put something more official together
  - Manger Report – Tiina Morin (5:48 p.m.)
    - Bandshell Design (5:48 p.m.)  
Design complete; will go out to bid (contract signed by end of January) – no more than \$1.5 million (could be up to \$1.7 or \$1.8 million) and looking ahead to fundraising efforts by City Band; 4-6 months to build
      - 3D designs to be shared by Tiina in future
    - Cultural Trail Head (5:51 p.m.)  
Working with DNR; building design will go out to bid (contract signed by January)

- Father Marquette Park being beautified and Lions Club beautifying another; discussion on agreements (e.g., “Could it be a park with a ‘cultural trailhead in it’?”; How to *call* it)
  - Designs to be shared by Tiina in future
- NMU Indigenous Symposium (5:57 p.m.)
  - President, Dr. Brock Tessman interested in partnering with MQT Arts and Culture – Discuss in December’s meeting
  - School of Education, Leadership and Public Service (SELPs), Department Head, Dr. Lubig interested in opportunities for N.M.U. to partner
- Public Art (6:01 p.m.)
  - Tiina presented a list of all the initiatives
  - Summary of projects and partnerships including recent changes (see relevant packet)
  - Arts and Culture Office went through (6:06 p.m.) and self-assessed; *communication* to be a strong focus of future work
  - Email of packet to be shared by Tiina
- Winter Light Oscillation (6:07 p.m.)
 

Almost \$48,000 in funding; ‘cubes’ that art interactive and can be toured (has toured many other cities)

Old Business:

- Annual Art Awards Review (6:10 p.m.)
  - ACAC feedback sharing
    - Great location
    - Fine stage
    - Differs from theater context; more intimate space – has a front & back space
    - Well-dialed in and focused
    - Well-paced
    - Questions regarding where performers should wait, be on deck, be seated, etc.
    - Length of speeches; future requirements/recommendations (speakers submit for review ahead of time?)
    - Next year – Friday or Saturday night for more time to enjoy after ceremony networking and connecting together
    - Idea - ACAC contributions on award recipients in the next annual awards cycle; multi-step process

New Business:

- A&C Master Plan (6:19 p.m.)
  - Steering Committee (6:19 p.m.)
    - Working group, time commitment TBD

- Invite members by January/February
- By invite – *interviewed*: NMU administration/leadership? Educational department heads? City Commission members? (Suggestion to contact Jeff Korpi)
- City Commission and City Manager to approve the list
- Each ACAC member to come to the next ACAC meeting with 3 individuals in mind to recommend for the steering committee proposed by Chair Madeline A.
- Names of former members shared by Chair Madeline A. – List of names to be shared with ACAC members post-meeting by Chair Madeline A.
- Center Relocation (6:27 p.m.)
  - Public Perception
    - Fully moved from Peter White Public Library to new center by October 1, 2025 (settled/outfitted by Spring 2026)
    - Gauge public perception as we plan to move the center to a new physical location after 25 years in Peter White Public Library – raise public awareness of the move
    - Transition; education will be needed regarding logistics (e.g., booking rooms, planning events, fees, transitions of groups [e.g., quilters group]); work with stakeholders to negotiate usage of physical spaces (e.g., remain at PWPL vs. move to new center)
    - PWPL & Marquette Arts and Culture Center – Management body: go between + promotion, proposed by Chair Madeline A.
  - Considerations
- 2025 Meeting Schedule (6:33 p.m.)
  - First Tuesdays 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2 @5:30 p.m.

Madeline G. makes a motion to approve, Walker seconds

Good of the Order: (6:36 p.m.)

Adjourn: Walker makes a motion to adjourn, Travis seconds (6:36 p.m.)

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