



City of Marquette, MI
Minutes
Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 2, 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, December 2, 2025. The meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Maddie Goodman.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Maddie Goodman, Vice Chair Tom Adolphs, Secretary Dr. Athena Stanley, Walker Derby, Johanna Worley, Kendal Mentink, Youth Representative Mateo

Absent (Excused): Travis Gerhart (motion to excuse by Maddie, seconded by Walker, approved)

Staff Present: Tiina Morin

Guest: Ashley Saari

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Announcements: Introductions were held in recognition of new committee members joining the ACAC.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation(s): None.

Other Reports:

1. Chair: None.

2. Staff Liaison – Tiina Morin

- Traditional Arts Festival
 - Tristan is working in partnership with several organizations, including NMU's Beaumier Heritage Center, to support a Traditional Arts Festival planned for next fall.
 - Funding is being secured to highlight Scandinavian heritage features.

- The initiative will include identifying local artists who practice traditional, lineage-based art forms.
- Community Presentations
 - Preparing January presentations for multiple community groups, including the Marquette Regional History Center Board of Directors, the Lions Club, and the Marquette Harbor Rotary Club.
- Contracts and Current Projects
 - Numerous artist contracts are underway; each requires approval through the City Commission.
 - Freedom Monument (Harlow Park): Collaboration with Friends of Marquette Public Art (through Iris Katers) and Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral & Cremation Services. Ribbon cutting anticipated in spring, with opportunities to involve local teachers and schools.
 - New Arts & Culture Center: Contracts in progress for public art in the new space, including ceiling art and fireplace-area installations.
 - Sunken Garden Project: A landscape artist has presented plans for the Lion's lakeside portion of the park.
 - Performance Venues: Analyzing need for performance venues across Marquette.
 - Maker Spaces: Ongoing discussions regarding potential community maker space collaborations.
- Public Art & ACAC Roles
 - The committee discussed need to explore distinctions and intersections between Public Art Commission responsibilities and ACAC advisory roles, with emphasis on clarifying collaboration and scope.

Unfinished Business:

1. Compliance with the Open Meetings Act

- Review to continue.

2. Work Towards Setting Intentions for ACAC

- Expectations for communication with the Arts & Culture Office.
- Emphasis on internal advocacy as a central committee responsibility.

3. Reviewed Key Areas of Focus from Last Month's Presentation

- MQTCompass
- Cultural Trail
- New Arts & Culture Center
- Wayfinding project with the DDA (signage, distances, branding)
- New bandshell development
- Partnerships and collaboration across organizations
- Art as a catalyst for cultural elevation
- Potential Sister Cities collaboration with Higashiomi, Japan, including an artist residency supporting an art project in Ellwood A. Mattson Lower Harbor Park

4. Request for ACAC Feedback on Presentation Content

- What may community members not yet know and/or want additional information about?

New Business:

1. City Commission Annual Presentation

- Scheduled for March 30. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

2. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- Committee agreed to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: Motion: Moved by Maddie, seconded by Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Comments from Board/Committee members: None.

Comments from the Chair: None.

Comments from the Staff Liaison: None.

Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Maddie, seconded by Athena to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



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

01/06/2026

Date approved