

AMAC meeting agenda

January 10, 2024

5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Arts/West

132 West State Street

Athens, Ohio 45701

In attendance:

Kelee R., Holly I., Devin S., David T., Nancy E., Tina W, Kate F., Andrew C, Katherine Ann J.

Regrets:

Jeff R.

Legislative updates: Andrew Chiki

- New Term of city council, so there are new members.
- Financial calendar is the same as the annual calendar. Release of funds to pay for things will not begin until next week.
- A special event street closure list is being created. Andrew hopes to get that to Council before the next committee meeting.
- Scott Winland (Athens Community Arts & Music Fest) & Eva Bloom (Bounty on the Bricks), ACAMF and BOTB may need to swap dates due to artist booking dates and a special project for ACAMF.
 - August 3rd and August 10th are the dates in question.
- Questions:
 - Kelee asks if it is appropriate for new council members to take a meeting with AMAC to be introduced and brief them on what we are up to.
 - Andrew says yes, but we should go through Jeff and organize the meeting appropriately so that way we do not break any rules around quorum and such.

Minutes from November, 2023 AMAC meeting for approval

- Requests for adjustments to last name spellings of Holly and Kate.
- Holly moves to approve, Kate seconds. Minutes Approved

Lee introduces guest

- City Management Intern, here in a volunteer capacity studying under Andrew and his team at City Hall.
- Student at Ohio University.

Public Projects:

Fire Headquarters- Sculpture Park update: Holly Ittel

- We may have 6 installations, 5 verified.
- Contact has been made for the artists, a packet has been given with information about honorarium, etc. We pay $\frac{1}{3}$ upfront, $\frac{1}{3}$ upon completion, $\frac{1}{3}$ following.

- Still waiting for a few artists to finish paperwork. When general city funds are released next week, they will get their first payment.
 - Holly asks if we should do a Press Release about the project. Andrew thinks that is a great idea, we can include the artists names and a summary of the project.
 - Holly volunteered to make the Press Release. Maybe gain a quote from each artist? Goal to get it out by the end of February.
 - Andrew is taking on a Communications and Marketing intern to work with the city boards and commissions to write about all the good things that are going on.
 - Goal is to have an art opening in October about the new installations. A request would have to be put into council for funding. AMAC has a line item for the music festival. Projecting the costs for it, the selection committee.
 - Lee asks if there is an Ad Hoc committee that can be formed for the art opening. Tabled until next month.

Other Projects:

- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
 - Map Athens has unfortunately not been responsive to emails. What do we do?
 - Many options were shared, but ultimately settled by starting with creating a pamphlet to distribute at the visitors center and city buildings.
 - Has to be shared with Andrew before being published or shared.
 - Holly asks if we can do a weekly or monthly update through the APRD website and FB page? Can we get an arts link under Katherine Ann's website.
 - David will present to the commission at the February meeting a mock-up of what we are thinking for PDF/Publication.
- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fedderolff
 - Kate sent a document with all of the coordinates to where the boxes are.
 - They question if we want pictures and/or verbal descriptions. What is next?
 - We do want pictures and descriptions for many reasons (accessibility, inclusion, etc)
 - Court Street would be a great walking tour. Maybe we can create a few routes that are accessible. We certainly do not have to do a walking tour of all of the locations.
 - Notes
 - Walking Tour vs Driving Tour vs Biking Tour
 - Andrew notes that the new Marketing Intern can assist with this project to workshop on how to move everything forward.
 - The idea originally was to go back to the beginning of the process and start over for new art. However the art is holding up and we can evaluate the condition to see if we need to replace any new art and a new RFP in the future.

- Holly mentions that the mayor wanted QR code added to the art. Perhaps it takes it back to the website that we are building under Arts Parks & Recreation?
- Recap of meeting with Mayor Patterson & Andrew Chiki: Kate, Nancy, Andrew, Kelee
 - Art at the Armory: [Here is the link](#) to the drawing plans for the Armory.
 - Renovations have already begun on the building. Entrance will be a veterans hall honor, there is an event space/stage on the main floor. Work space in the basement level. Athens Foundation is upstairs.
 - Once the space is open we will evaluate art capabilities in the building.
 - Lee asks if there is anything that we can do on the back of the building.
 - Maybe the ACF is interested in doing rotating art and collaborating with MAA students.
 - Building itself is managed by a BlueDot.
 - Hanging sculpture art in the main space would be awesome!
 - Art at City Hall (and other city buildings)
 - Maybe another hanging sculpture in City Hall as well.
 - Mayor says lots of blank walls inside City Hall that could be filled
 - Renovation is moving forward, City Hall 150th Birthday.
 - Maybe we can evaluate the code office/city center/courthouse/artswest/public works and other city buildings as well.
 - We maybe can evaluate the current art that is installed in city buildings and move it around to other buildings.
 - Is there an inventory of the art that exists in city buildings? Owned city art and its conditions and such.
 - Canvas benches
 - Want to install new benches around the city (perhaps 10)
 - We are getting white benches (recycled wind turbine) that can potentially be wrapped and/or painted. Similar to the art outside the box.
 - The mayor would like to do an RFP to make this happen. Details are still being worked on.

Arts West / APRD Update: Katherine Ann Jordan

- Adam is working on the Spring and Summer programming. He will also be the person who is teaching classes. Will have a M/W after school art class starting after spring break. Different mediums for each work.
- Cadet Strings is back in the building at Arts/West.
- Fam Jam is on January 20th at 5pm. First adventure into fundraising for the children's programs. Ticketed event with food and drinks and a raffle (family pass at pool. etc). Tickets are on sale. Sensory room will be available as well. Hope to have a summer one at Arts/West.
- Open Play Saturday is coming back, starting this Saturday and will run every other weekend. Different themed crafts and activities ready to go. Will go until March-ish.

- Adam is working on AV issues inside of Arts/West.
- Adam is working on planning 'Concerts in the Park'. Perhaps there is a sound system that needs to be purchased for the department.
- The Revada Foundation gave 7.5k, the Ohio Arts Council is unfortunately not funding ArtsWest this year.
- BANFF - cultural arts out of Canada that they do a Mountain Film festival that we could perhaps do here in Athens.
- Starting to permit parking spots at the pool August-May. Private tow away zone for overnight parking. \$175. 21 spots currently designated with the option to expand.
- Dream Project: Skate community has been asking for a skate park that is flat with rideable features. Researching art skate parks and skateable parks. We are not sure if an RFP would go out due to many safety factors, but art will be kept in mind.
- Adam is hitting his stride, all are happy with the work he is doing at Arts/West.

Announcements and other business

- Intern at City Hall wants to do a video of all the commissions. Jenna K. (city council aid) with the government channel. Devin and Kelee can get in contact and do it for AMAC.
- December meeting at the Words and Wine was an incredible event hosted by the Athens Poet Laureate, Stephanie K. How can we support Stephanie to do more?
- Our poet laureate terms out. We need to be thinking about this.
- Holly asks if Scott is in the planning phases of the next ACAMF. If so, can we install the 'Portrait of Athens' project?
- Andrew gave a shout out to David T. for the update of the bylaws and such. Andrew uses this as a template for other commissions and such.
- Parking Garage wants to be discussed at the next AMAC meeting.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 5:30-7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Approved: ALL

Meeting Ended 7:09