

AMAC Meeting Minutes 2.14.24

In attendance:

Kelee, Andrew, Jeff, Tina, Holly, Kate, Nancy

Not in attendance:

David, Katherine Anne

Guests:

Angel Garcia- work study intern for City

Matt Starkey- Athens County Children's Services

City Council Update

Jeff

- No new info from council about art

City Update

Andrew

- Hibi update- Expected trouble from where it is attached to the floor.
- Meghan Jennings- New City Planner.
- Uptown improvements had no first bids.

Last Minutes Update- page 2 Kate Fetterolf

Accept minutes- Holly 1st & Nancy 2nd

Updates on sculpture park

- Holly has communicated with Ross Di Penti for 6th
- Andrew has processed four out of six for 1st installment 2nd installment at 50% progress
- Angel will create the press release for sculpture park- will share with city planner, andrew, etc. for review before publishing.
- Andrew says the fire house is on schedule.
- March meeting we will plan the party for the sculpture park.

City Mural Audit Enhancement

- Nancy Stevens accepted the draft submitted by David and Kelee.
- David will present at the March meeting.
- Group approves of content for the most part.
- Possible 4 total mural walks for the city of Athens.
- Link on AMAC page and Visit Athens County page.

Art Outside the Box

- Update from Tina and Kate
- Angel is helping them find information
- Andrew will share info to Kate and Tina- will connect Tonya.
- Doing the walkable tour first.
- Bike/Car tour next.
- Performance sign has high res files.
- Possibly pitch to Map Athens in time with our format.
- QR code with each?

ACMAF

- August 3rd 2023!
- Kelee and Andrew talked to Scott Winland and Tracey Duncan.
- Food vendors possibly on court and Art vendors in the same space- family friendly.
- New 63 S Court 18 month fence/construction possible issue- Andrew working on coordinating.
- Holly suggests "Portrait of Athens" at the festival- possibly Joel Prince or John Halle take photo?

Athens County Children's Services

- Matt Starkey
- Mural update on the North Side of 33 ODOT underpass East State St.
- Hold up on paint choice.
- ODOT had to approve anything that could be seen from the highway.
- Approval was made in late October.
- New goal is Spring of 2024.
- Mayor wants the same muralist to do the South Side.
- Artist has agreed to put together 2 renderings in the same general essence and style.
- Theme- beauty of Athens.
- Still within the boundaries of what the Mayor can decide but making the decision to go ahead and do it.
- Mandi Caskey- Miss Birdie instagram handle
- Matt will bring Mandi to the April meeting.
- Plans to bring HS students & College in for the designing for her painting.
- Kelee will connect Matt with Co Arts- OU Art Department.
- Nancy brought up that it was not great that it was a Columbus artist not an Athens artist.
- Hopeful for a 5 week period for 1 side of the project.

- Kelee brought up that she didn't love that other artists were not considered or given the chance and Tina, Kate, and Nancy agreed.
- Is it a big ask to ask ODOT to approve a new design?
- Matt explained it is similar to purchasing billboard space.
- ODOT does not know yet about the extension of the proposal to the other side.
- Jeff makes it clear that the mayor has final say and AMAC is just recommending.
- Andrew will share thoughts with Steve within 48 hours.

Arts, Park, & Rec

Arts in City Spaces Project

- Armory- will be finished soon!
- City Building
- Code Office
- Community Center?
- Nancy going to city buildings and meeting with Steve about what he wants?
- Do we borrow art? Purchase?
- Kate & Nancy will report back in April with more info about what is needed in city buildings.

6 Level Parking Garage

Andrew update-

- Wind turbine benches.
- Talks of doing something similar to APP on bottom of parking garage
- Architect doing mock up space.
- Murphy stage- folds up when not in use- between 2 ramps
- Side of parking garage from highway- entire face of parking garage is concrete east facing.
- Giant 6 story slide?!
- Garden/tree boxes planned in design in top space where cars cannot park as well as solar panels.
- AMAC role will be putting out RFP for graphics of around 30 images (more or less) for the top parking garage.
- Completed structurally by 2024.
- Hope is to have art by 2025.
- More details for this summer.
- Preferred medium- wraps, paint, etc?

Athens Poet Laureate

- Stephanie would like to add an anthology project to her role.

- Call for poems- “Paw Paw Poetry Anthology”
- September 15th publishing date.
- Jessica Held art editor plus cover artist Chelsea...
- Paw Paw Fest would like to purchase a lot of them once printed.
- OAC helping to fund.
- Angel will create the press release.
- December 31st 2025 her term will end.
- Jeff will check the resolution to see what it says about terms if extending is desired.
- Chelsa would have a great recommendations about new ad-hoc committee

New Business

- Holly interested in connecting Kelee and Andrew with Eric Williams- MFAs intern with AMAC through Scripps Com Media Arts
- Eric Williams head of program
- Last meeting for Andrew- will be back in June!

Motion to adjourn

Holly 1st

Kate 2nd