

AMAC meeting minutes

July 10, 2024

5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Arts/West

132 West State Street

Athens, Ohio 45701

In attendance: Kelee Riesbeck, Devin Sudman, Jeff Risner, David Telega, Andrew Chiki, Holly Ittel, Kate Fetterolf, Tina Wilson, Katherine Ann Jordan

Regrets: Nancy Epling,

Guests: Laurel Nolin

– Legislative updates: Jeff Risner, Andrew Chiki

- Athens County Children Services East State/33 Underpass mural project: update on the mural being planned on the opposite underpass space
- New Fire Station: progress update
- Notes
 - Council is on recess until August. Nothing to report from Jeff.

– Minutes from June 12 2024 AMAC meeting for approval

Edits: Holly Ittel name change (last name spelled wrong), Add Andrew to the 'in attendance'.

Motion: Andrew Moves, Tina Seconds. Unanimous, motion passes.

Public Projects:

–Fire Headquarters- Sculpture Park update:

- Holly Ittel: update on press release about artist awardees
 - No updates at the moment from Holly. Holly is requesting that Kelee create the Press Release for the ribbon cutting in October. Noting that we can all share on our personal social media once it is published.
 - Andrew notes that we are receiving the second pay requests from the artists, which means that their final payments are being processed.
 - Andrew also notes that the fire station project is slightly behind, but the outside projects (art installations) should be on schedule.
- Select ad hoc committee for planning ribbon cutting/opening in October
 - Holly notes that she is happy to be on the committee as well as Tina. Would also like to have Courtney join as well.
 - October 9th is the planned Ribbon Cutting ceremony. This will happen instead of an October AMAC meeting.

– Other Projects:

- Athens Poet Laureate: Kelee Riesbeck
 - Stephanie Kendrik agrees to a 1 year extension to serve as APL, Jan 1-Dec 31, 2025.
 - Summer 2024 is when we would need to be making decisions about the next APL.
 - Vote on approval of extension
 - Motion: Jeff, Second: Kate, Unanimous: MOTION PASSES
 - Ad hoc committee will be formed and meet in summer 2025 to put out the RFP, select 2026-2028 APL, with Stephanie's help.
 - Kelee notes that we should probably start recruiting members to the committee sooner rather than later.
 - Tina noted that she would be interested in serving on this committee.
- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
 - Updates and progress
 - Not much progress on this at the moment. David and Kelee have reports ready to hand over to the mApp Athens team. They are trying to brainstorm a solution to showcase the work no matter what the engagement with mApp Athens.
 - David notes that we can move forward with a tri-fold or paper product that can be installed around town. He will provide a mock-up at the next AMAC meeting.
- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf
 - Updates, progress, timeline for submitting finished content to mApp Athens
 - Sorting all the paperwork to find the data for titles/descriptions/photos/etc, has been a bit challenging.
 - 30 images are completely done with about 9 remaining to be finished.
 - The ones that are installed uptown are the ones that they plan to share with mApp Athens because they are walkable.
 - Jeff notes that the ones that are not walkable could maybe be 'bike routes'
 - Andrew notes that it can be shared with the bicycle group "Athens Bicycle Club" ; they could create the route.
 - David will take a look at the work to edit the descriptions.
 - Noting that Nancy Stevens from mApp Athens may no longer work from OU. Kelee will reach out to the Kennedy Center to see if there is a new person who is taking this on.
- Art in City Spaces Project: Nancy Epling and Kate Fetterolf
 - Audit of what is already in all City of Athens-owned spaces
 - What art is available to mount in City of Athens-owned spaces
 - Notes:
 - No updates as of yet. Nancy and Kate are planning on meeting soon.

- Parking Garage mural project: Nancy / Devin
 - No updates as of yet.

– Arts West / APRD Update: Katherine Ann Jordan

- First concert in the park was last month. Noted it was a good turnout despite the heatwave.
- Next Thursday is the Concert in the Park.
- New building supervisor has just started at Arts/WEST.
- SummitFM is interested in doing a program out of Arts/WEST.

– Announcements and other business

- Andrew has met with the owner of O'betty's to discuss doing a parklet outside of the restaurant. It will look like a hotdog basket with benches that look like hotdogs with buns.
- Katherine Ann notes that the Swimming Pool for the rest of the Sunday's will be sensory friendly from 11-12. Entry fees are sponsored by a local organization. Movies in the park is coming up as well. Community event for law enforcement at the pool happening again on August 6th from 4-7 "national night out".
- Nelsonville Music Festival is happening July 26-28th. Still seeking volunteers.
- Sweeney Todd is happening this Fall Oct 18-20, auditions are coming up on August 11th.
- Roller derby is happening at the community center this weekend.
- Athens Community Arts & Music Festival is going to be a blast!!

–Adjourn

Motion: Holly, Second: Andrew, Passes. Meeting ends at 6:37pm

Next Meeting: Next meeting: August,14, 2024, 5:30-7:00 PM at ARTS/West