

AMAC meeting minutes

June 12, 2024

5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Arts/West

132 West State Street

Athens, Ohio 45701

In Attendance: Tina Willson, David Telega, Nancy Epling, Kelee Reisbeck, Devin Sudman, Katherine Ann-Jordan

Missing: Jeff Risner, Kate Fetterolf, Holly Ittle,

Legislative updates: Jeff Risner, Andrew Chiki

- Attended the ribbon cutting for the new mural under the highway. Noted that it was great to see the students who contributed to the mural.
- Bell has been reinstalled at City Hall! Still working on how to best install EB.
- The Parking Garage had benches installed since the crane was already in town for the bell. Benches are heavy.
 - These have been primed. So we are ready to determine what type of medium we want to use for the art. Then we can do an RFP and figure out funding to pay the artists.
 - Andrew will let AMAC know when it is time to begin this process. At the moment, we don't know as the city is behind on the parking garage project.

Minutes from May 8, 2024 AMAC/RAB combined meeting for approval

- Motion to Approve: Devin, Nancy: Seconds. All in favor. PASSES

Public Projects:

- Fire Headquarters- Sculpture Park update:
 - Andrew noted that he and Holly spoke. Communication has been made with artists for proof of where they are in the process and second round payouts. Some of the art needs to be anchored due to its size.
 - Still not sure where exactly the placement of the art pavements will be as the construction team is not quite ready to begin that part of the project.
 - Kelee notes that we are still on track for an October ribbon cutting. Revisits that we should begin forming an AD HOC committee for this. Could this be the AMAC October meeting? Penciling October 8th for the ribbon cutting.
 - Tina says that she can be on the committee but would like to not lead it.

Other Projects:

- Athens Poet Laureate: Kelee Riesbeck
 - Current term for APL Stephanie Kendrik expires Dec. 31
 - Thoughts to convene another Ad Hoc committee for late summer to submit a call for proposals, evaluate and select APL 2025-2027? Or invite Stephanie for another 2 year term?
 - Stephanie has reached out to Kelee and said she'd be happy to promote, talk to applicants about her experience as APL.
 - Kelee is curious if we can ask Stephanie to serve another term?
 - Nancy notes that we should offer it to her and see what her response would be.
 - Kelee motions to ask Stephanie to renew her Athens Poet Laureate Term
 - Nancy Motions, Tina Seconds. All in favor. Motion approves.
- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
 - David and Kelee have been continuing their work on this. Added the new Mural on 33 for the Athens Children's Services
 - Still waiting to hear from mApp Athens to assist with putting it online.
 - Kelee is going to walk the path to see how long the next iteration of the project will be.
 - David said it took him about an hour-half/two hours to walk through the second stage of the project.
 - Hope is to get these done by the end of the year.
- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf
 - Tina is making progress on this project in the Google Doc. When Kate gets back they are confident they will be finishing up the project.
 - This could also go into mApp Athens.
- Athens Community Music and Arts Festival, Aug. 3: Kelee Riesbeck provides updates
 - We still hope to do the community photo project.
 - Andrew also met with Scott last week. OU has agreed to use Hanning Hall for Green Room space for the artists.
 - Andrew worked with Chief so that we can move the stage back a little more. We will close the intersection at Union & Congress. This will allow for more space to work with for backstage needs. OU Potentially may allow us to use the green space and barricades for crowd control.
 - Hope to keep this the second weekend in August going forward with Bounty on the Bricks the weekend before.
- Art in City Spaces Project: Nancy Epling and Kate Fetterolf
 - No progress yet. Nancy will have an update for next month's meeting.
- Parking Garage mural project: Nancy / Devin
 - The city is interested in doing a mural on the side of the parking garage.

- Phase 3 of the project for the garage has not yet happened yet, we might be able to join in on the request for funds.
- The mayor would be the one to decide whether or not we do a RFP or a selected ask.

Arts West / APRD Update: Katherine Ann

- Concert in the Park will begin June 20th. This will be behind the community center.
- Mindfulness Classes are on Wednesdays.
- Dance classes will pick back up next year.
- They are searching for a new Building Supervisor so that they have a staff of two.
- LFC will return in the Fall with performances.
- Have been trying to organize the stage space for things that we may no longer need.

Announcements and other business

- NEA is having their National Board Meeting in Columbus. They will be doing a tour of Passion Works and other organizations. There will be a catered reception at Stuart's Opera House along with a panel discussion. Melissa Wales and Brandon Thompson will be on the panel.
- Armory project is still in progress. Still working on final designs and utility digging plans. The Armory is hoping to open in Spring. Devin asks if the Mural on the side of the family dollar building could be touched up.
- Kelee will ask the Mayor about a mural on the opposite side of the bypass. Is something going to happen? Can we have a local artists handle this project. There is a desire to do art on that wall and make it local as possible. Can we do a RFP or can we do specific asks with local artists?

Next Meeting: July 10, 5:30-7:00 PM at ARTS/West

Motion to Adourn: Drew, Nancy seconds. Adjourned at 6:40pm