

AMAC meeting agenda
September 13, 2023
5:30-7:00 PM
Location: Arts/West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In attendance: Tina Wilson, Devin Sudman, Dave Telega, Kate Fedderoff, Andrew Chiki, Jeff Risner, KatherineAnn Jordan, Holly Ittel.

Regrets: Kelee Reisbeck, Nancy Epling,

- Legislative updates: Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner
 - Andrew: Nothing to report.
 - Jeff Risner:
 - Oakmont Community Park (Carol Road, Longview Heights), Athens county board of realtors have received 5k for beautification. Mayor is curious about developing it into a community space. The City can potentially put in labor, and miscellaneous materials that they already have (sandstone foundation stones). Might be a nice place for a little bit of art (biological art, human art, etc), there is opportunity here! Next month is the plan to get started, planting plants to get through the winter.
 - Trees have been planted here a few years ago and have started to grow. Native species would be great to install. Solar lighting? Landscape lights?
 - Holly asks if the city could find additional funds for support of this project.
 - Andrew: AMAC could make a recommendation back to the administration saying that we have seen this project and recommend installing some sort of art project.
 - Potential Art Ideas: A mosaic that can incorporate flagstone and such. Performing arts space, interactive music space. Sculpture park submissions.

Motion to send a recommendation to incorporate artwork at Oakmont community space. Second by Tina. Motion passes.

- Minutes from August 9, 2023 AMAC meeting for approval
Motion to approve: Devin Move, Jeff Seconds. Passes.
- Public Projects:
 - Fire Headquarters- Percent for Art update: Holly Itte
 - A total of 13 submissions for 7 spaces, the deadline was extended to September 19th.
 - Next steps: Once submission closes, the ad hoc will get together and review if submissions adhered to the criteria on the RFP. Then will use a

blind jury process to select the pieces. At that point, the ad hoc committee will come back to AMAC to share the selections, followed by a presentation to administration and city council for information (not to vote), it then goes to the architect to get installed.

- Mayor has asked to be part of the selection committee.

- Other Projects:

Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega

- Kelee and David have been working on the walking tour. David has walked around court street and taken pictures. David has taken the time to write descriptions for the Mural Walk. Pulled the names from an excel sheet from the AMAC Google Drive.
- As AMAC chatted, we noted that there were a bunch of murals in the area. Next meeting we are going to take a moment to brainstorm a list of all the local murals that we can investigate.
- Comments: Add a description "from richland ave this is an X mile long walk, that will take you X amount of time". Accessibility/ADA of the murals. Can they be seen by driving? Public parking areas.

- Arts West / APRD Update: Katherine Ann Jordan

- Finished interviewing 4 people for the Program Specialist for Arts Programming and Education within the City. Responsible for programming within ArtsWest and the city as a whole. Building supervisors are in ArtsWest to assist with the operation of the building.
- Dance classes have been offered and filled the registration. Also in the building are OU Strings programs, Tantrum Theater, Lost Flamingo Company.
- Hope to get art classes installed for the community center from OU students or local artists. Planning in progress, potential start for November.
- One-off classes are being offered: Paint Ornament, Paint Mug, Cookie Decorating. People that they are working with are bringing all the materials.
- Hoping to incorporate new specialists into Halloween planning, but depending on the timeline it may not be reasonable.
- Uptown Family Trick or Treating is Saturday October 28th from 1-4pm, activities from APR are planned. Rocking Reggie will be MCing the event, note to make sure that it's more sound friendly. Parking may be a bit of a challenge, OU has a football game.

- Announcements and other business

- October 31st is planned for Trick or Treat 5-7pm
- Holly has an idea on the 6th floor of the parking garage, maybe we should paint the ground? Andrew is open to it. Maybe a community garden installment as well?
- Movie on top of the Parking Garage: September 26th

- Andrew: All of the traffic wraps are all installed! Leading to the secondary work of creating a full map of all the locations and descriptions to get out to the public (title, artists, location). In a year or two they will need to be assessed.
- Holly recommends that the new members of the commission assist in the projects of organizing that information. Can then create a booklet for the visitors center to share with the community.
- KatherineAnn: All of the recently hired staff, and those she has been interviewing, had mentioned that art is so prevalent in our community, loved how public and supportive the community and city are.
- Holly: Ohio Arts Council gives our individual arts awards, one of them is an 8k award. Holly recommends that AMAC nominates someone every year from Athens County for the award.
- OAC: Encouraged to apply for the governors awards. Send Andy a request to send a representative to the Conference. Description, how much, how many people, etc.
- Can we get a followup from Children's Services about the highway art project? We would love to know what they decided on.

- Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jeff, Seconded by Tina, Passes. Adjourned at 6:37

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts/West