

AMAC

November 8, 2023

The Athens Municipal Arts Commission was called to order at 5:33 pm

Members present included: K. Riesbeck, Chair, H. Ittel Vice Chair, K. Fetterolf, D. Telega, T. Wilson, J. Risner, A. Chiki

Member regrets included: D. Sudman, Secretary, N. Epling

Guests Included – Chelsa Morahan

City Staff present – KA Jordan

There will not be a December meeting. AMAC will meet at Athens Uncorked on December 13 to support the Athens Poet Laureate instead. The next regular meeting will be in January.

Legislative Update:

Andrew Provided a legislative update that the budget is coming to Council for next year, and that AMAC

Previous minutes:

The previous minutes were read. One amendment needed included which was the spelling of Kate Fetterolf in one locations. Jeff Risner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended with David Telega seconding. The motion carried with full voice vote.

Project Updates:

Fire Station (Athens Sculpture Park) – Andrew provided an update that the project is on track for construction. He also sent out an email to artists that submitted pieces. Selected artists will be notified by December 13. Holly also shared that the ad-hoc is getting together for selections and that Courtney Kessel, a member of the ad-hoc has been on top of things. The selection of artwork will be done by a blind-juried process through the ad-hoc.

City Mural Audit and Enhancement – Kelee Riesbeck and David Telega have been working on collecting the locations of the various murals around Athens and have been submitting them to the Map Athens project to create walkable groupings of murals for people to tour around town. As they have been identified, they've been photographed. It is looking like there are 4 groupings of murals.

Art Outside the Box Project – Kate Fetterolf had sent an email to Andrew about getting the images and locations back into one repository. They are with Performance Signs. We are waiting for Performance to provide it. The write-ups are ready as soon as that information is collected. The box locations will be divided by where they are in proximity to Court Street – East of Court, West of Court, South, North. The subcommittee is considering what the best way to format and share the information once it is gathered.

Armory – Kelee, Kate, Nancy, and Mayor Patterson will be having a conversation on November 20 about adding artwork at the building. Andrew advised that most of the interior space is claimed for the Veteran's Hall of Honor, but he will speak with the Mayor in advance of the meeting to identify spaces.

Recommendations and Requests

- A request for 6 tickets to the annual Governor's awards
- Recommendation to include artwork at the Oakmont Community Park development
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APR Updates

Katherine Ann shared that APR has hired a new Program Specialist for Arts, Adam West. He is getting acquainted with all of the programs and policies and relationships in the community.

Halloween was a success with the musical petting zoo and was a great first project for the new Program Specialist, Adam.

There are some evaluations going on related to the budget for the Parks and Arts. The staff is working through what we need to do to support operations and raise revenue, but fees and programming is going to need to be revised.

Discussion took place about having another Recreation Advisory Board and AMAC meeting. We will look at February or March to do a joint meeting.

Announcements

Kelee received a call from Carol Patterson recently. She is an arts commissioner in Manhattan Beach, CA and has been charged with contacting artists from outside the community in which she currently lives about soliciting sculptures. AMAC decided that we can send along the artists information for submissions from the sculpture park project as more opportunities for our local artists.

Holly asked about what we want to do about creating a citizens award, which is something that Mayor had brought up to AMAC previously. This will brought back up in the January meeting.

Holly mentioned that we should keep the Governor's awards on the radar to reapply in 2024.

Adjourn

Holly made a motion to adjourn with Kate seconding. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.