

AMAC meeting agenda
November 13, 2024 5:30-7:00 PM
Location: Arts/West 132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In Attendance: Devin Sudman, Holly Ittel, Tina Wilson, Katherine Ann Jordan, Kate Fetterolf, Jeff Risner.

Regrets: Nancy Epling, David Telega, Kelee Riesbeck, Andrew Chiki

Called to order: 5:33pm. Quorum established.

Minutes from September 11 and October 9 AMAC meetings reviewed and approved
Tina Moved, Jeff Second. Motion passes.

- Kate would like to edit that she wants to help but not lead the committee.

Legislative updates

- Jeff Risner
 - Nothing that we don't already know from the council, the budget is being worked on. This includes the line for boards & commissions to access for needs. We do not know how much the mayor has budgeted yet this year.
 - Reads into the record an email from Andrew.
 - *I have talked with Zack from Ridge Runner construction and he will be working on a plan of action tomorrow with the intent to get the rest of the sculptures on site by the end of the week and start pouring footers and completing the installation of the pieces next week. There is some coordination that has to happen with the artists to get them transported and unloaded that we are working on now.*
 - Kate questions the pushback of the opening of the art park. Jeff notes that it is disappointing, but there have been many setbacks at the firehouse. He continues to say that nobody expected the setbacks for the footers and restrictions of the art.
 - Jeff questions when the benches on the top of the parking garage will be distributed around town.

Public Projects

- Holly Ittel and Tina Wilson:
 - Holly notes that there are no updates.
 - Tina asks if we will use the same food vendor for when we do have the opening. Holly says, yes.
 - New date for the opening is not yet set.
- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
 - Kelee & David are not here, we noted not to discuss until the next meeting.
- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf
 - Most updated version with the color coding for walking vs driving has been submitted to mAppAthens. Noted that we should not use the colors red or green.
 - Kate needs to write the introduction and the close.
- Athens Poet Laureate: Tina Wilson
 - Tina has ideas of individuals that she can contact. Questions if there is a paper

- trail of past submissions. Jeff notes that Andrew might have it.
- Tina mentions that she is thinking of individuals who can serve on the Ad Hoc committee when its time.
- Art in City Spaces Project: Nancy Epling and Kate Fetterolf
 - Nancy is leading the efforts on this, once she is available we will resume this project.
 - AMAC notes that Nancy should reach out to Andrew to get his assistance on this.

Arts West / APRD Update: Katherine Ann Jordan

- Performance floor in Arts/West is being taken care of in December. Hardwood floor on top of it. Some sunken places are being addressed as well. Hoping that the stage ramp will be edited as well.
- Adam is working on a Gallery schedule for 2025, and specific times when that art will be able to be accessed.
- LFC performances are happening in Arts/West soon.
- 20th Anniversary Sculpture of the Community Arts Center
 - We need an Ad Hoc committee for this in conjunction with the parks and recreation advisory board.
 - Kate and Devin are willing to be on the committee on AMAC side.
 - A timeline needs to be established. Feb/March is the submission deadline. The question is how long the review process will need to be and installation process.
 - Holly notes that we should allow 6 months for the creation of the art. The committee can meet in February with a March 1st selection deadline to approve art with the RFP going out in December.
 - Must be no more than 5-feet in height.
 - Should celebrate the essence of the community center.
 - Applicants are open to artists 18+ living in Athens County that have a strong connection to or affinity, you will be asked to describe this connection in the application. Can submit up to 3 pieces per applicant.
 - Katherine Ann asks Holly how they collected submissions for the sculpture park, because she would like to do the same. Holly emailed the form, Andrew has the password.
 - \$9,000 stipend available to the artist.
 - Holly says that we should send out a Press Release as well. Ohio Arts Council, artswave.org, WOUB, Athens News, Independent, will help distribute.
- A sculpture may be installed in the Sells Park pond in 2025. Other ideas of transforming the park are bubbling up as well.

Announcements and other business

- Jeff: A woman named Katherine Moore reached out for audio/movement program to happen at Strouds Run and asking for advice on funding from AMAC. AMAC can look at the proposal and recommend to the mayor that funding become available, but that is the best we can do.
 - Holly notes that we should invite her to a meeting and she can contact us beforehand with the proposal.
- Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn: Kate, Jeff seconds. Motion Passes. Meeting over at 6:23

Next Meeting: December 11, 5:30-7:00 PM at Athens Uncorked to support the Poet Laureate