

AMAC meeting

April 9, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Arts/West 132 West State Street  
Athens, Ohio 45701

In Attendance: Devin Sudman, Kate F., KatherineAnn Jordan, Jeff Risner, Andrew Chiki.

Regrets: Kelee Riesbeck, David Talega, Tina Wilson

Guests: Mateo Galvano,

Meeting called to order at 5:32.

Review, discuss, and move to approve or update the minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting.

- Kate has an edit to the minutes.
  - In the minutes it states that Kate's name is mentioned in a place that it should be KatherineAnn's
    - AMEND: Kate (KatherineAnn) gave an overview of one effective system whereby instead of voting, there was a community input factor, which consisted of not voting, but of ranking with input.

*Motion to approve the amendment to last month's minutes: Moved by Jeff, Second by Andrew.  
Motion passes unanimously.*

### **Legislative updates**

- Jeff
  - Nothing of the arts has come up to council at the last meeting.
  - On Monday Jeff disturbed the tri-folds to council, they went fast and there was a lot of enthusiasm

### **Public Projects**

- Tina Wilson: Sculpture Park opening: Saturday, April 26, 2025
  - Saturday, April 26, 2025, International Sculpture Day
  - Kelee asked APL Stephanie Kendrick to write a poem to honor the day, and she has agreed. TBD on if she will be present to read at this time.
    - Location of the reception for the Sculpture Park opening has been moved to the Community Room at the Fire House. The Jackie O's food that was ordered and paid for last fall for this event will be served.
    - Run of Show
      - 4:00 pm: Welcome by Devin Sudman
      - 4:05 pm: Remarks from the Mayor or Mayor's office designee
      - 4:10: Brief remarks from willing members of the AMAC Ad Hoc Sculpture Park selection committee
      - 4:20: Brief remarks by the artists whose work is featured at the park

4:35: Reading of poem written for the event by APL Stephanie Kendrick

4:40: Self-guided tour of the installed Sculpture Park works

5:00 - 6:30 pm: Celebration/reception w/ light bites in the Firehouse Community Room

- Comments:
  - Plan is to give each artist present time to talk about their piece briefly.
  - Jeff asks if Athens Media Department will be doing anything. Andrew will reach out to confirm if they will attend to do what they do.
  - Andrew says that a press release went out today. City council, local media, social media.
  - AMAC has to clean up after ourselves, but Andrew is responsible for the final clean.
  - If there was bad weather, we would do everything in the community room.
  - Andrew says that we've had some challenges with fabrication, manufacturing, placement, etc; so we are working on final installation. Everything should be in and installed by April 21st, 2025.
  - Kate notes that we have nobody that is currently on AMAC that was part of the Ad Hoc committee, hopefully Holly can come back and chat about as the representative.
  
- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
  - Brochures printed, Kelee picked up 4/4/2025 for distribution
  - Second print run:
    - KatherineAnn asks that she make sure that some make it to the community center and Arts West.
    - Andrew says that we received just over 1.2k of them, Minuteman has to repair a machine and then can print the rest to get our total of the 5k.
    - Mateo notes that we should make sure some make their way to the Bobcat Student Orientation bags.
  
- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf
  - Update on posting to mAppAthens site, next steps
    - Kate has been in contact with Nancy. She has brought in samples for introduction and closing. Nancy says that they should be working on it this week. We hope that it ends up on mApp Athens within the month. Hopefully in time for graduation.
  - Downed traffic box: options for new wrap for the box
    - Just after the last AMAC meeting a vehicle ran into a box at Lowes on East State Street.
    - There are options for what to recommend.
      - Replace it as is
      - New art

- Replace it with no art
- Andrew notes that when we did the previous 'Call for Art' we may have previous entries that were not selected. We could go back to the alternate list and evaluate off of that list to see if one of those would be ok to use in its place.
- Mateo notes that the original artist would be most honored if we restored

*Motion that AMAC recommends that the original artwork intended for the damaged traffic box be replaced as originally designated: Moved by Kate, Second by Jeff. Motion passes unanimously*

- Athens Poet Laureate: Tina Wilson
  - Updates
    - No updates at this time. See last meeting minutes.
    - Jeff says that Wendy McVicker read a poem at the last council meeting titled "water"
- Art in City Spaces Project: Kate Fetterolf
  - Update and plan for the future
    - Project is still on hold. She says that she needs someone to work with you on this.
      - Devin recommends that we hold off until we have more commissioners added.

**Arts West / APRD Update: Katherine Ann Jordan**

- A mural is being installed in the community center. Two of the childcare staff are leading the art on the mural. The artist mentioned that they are open to doing more murals in city spaces.
- Working on getting more columns on the track wrapped with the vinyl paper. To work with the children's program to make more art to put up there.
- Had to postpone the last Art in the Park due to the weather. They are working on rescheduling it.
- Gallery submissions for arts west are closing soon. That gallery will take up the whole space
- Lost Flamingo Company is currently in Arts West, they are almost about to wrap their season
- **Adam West Email Update on Sculpture**
  - *We have selected Ellen Gagliano and her submission "Athena's Owl". We have met with her to go over details, commencement of the sculpture, and cover any questions we had.*

*We plan on having Joshua Tree prepare a "pedestal" like riser (about 2ft in height) where the sculpture will sit. This will reduce the structural requirements for the piece.*

*The owl will be bronze casted at a nearby foundry. Owl size will be roughly 18" tall x 17" deep x width to be determined. Due to casting cost, only the owl will be in bronze. To fit budget and vision, we decided to go with the original clay pedestal over the skateboards(s). The owl will sit on a brick clay pedestal that will be relief carved and painted with drawings selected from community entries. These entries are being pushed out to the schools, Community Center childcare programs, as well as a setup in the community center.*

*For budget and construction reasons, we decided to go with external lighting that will be installed around the area. We are planning to have a reveal in October, where the falcon organization will be present with a demonstration. Exact date will be narrowed down to fit weather windows.*

- Comments on Community Center Sculpture Project
  - KatherineAnn was able to talk to Joshua Tree today about the hardscaping today.
  - Kate asks if there will be a sign to describe the art. KatherineAnna says, Yes.
  - KatherineAnn says sculpture will face the road, with the back to the community center.
  - Jeff asks the owl connection. KatherineAnn says that the owl is the protector of Athena the Goddess.

### **Announcements and other business**

- Andrew updates on Hebee. They are nearing the completion of the metal fabrication for the base, the weight is about 1.2k lbs. This is to nod towards the original base/fabrication that was two tiered and very tall (it was also a water fountain), it will also be a functional water fountain. Once it is placed it will not be moved. This is awesome to come to fruition as it has been on the minds of AMAC and Andrew for over 15 years. To finish off the project on the wall of city hall there will be a picture of what court street looked like at the time. This will exist inside of the city hall lobby.
  - There is currently a mobile that exists in this space that needs to find a new home. Maybe it can make its way to the community center to hang in the lobby.
  - KatherineAnn mentions that she is open to talking about having this in the lobby.
- Kate mentions that over at the sculpture park the wind turbine benches have been installed. Asks if those will be painted.
  - Andrew mentions that we have intentions to paint them. We will need to do an RFP eventually to start that project in the future.
- AMAC Candidate
  - Discussion about Mateo Galvano
    - Are you a resident inside the corporation limit? Yes he is.
    - Kate says that she certainly will vote for Mateo. He is at OU and we can continue to build that relationship going forward.
    - Jeff notes the same. Met about a decade ago, and mentions that he is extremely talented. No negative comments.

*Motion that AMAC recommends that Mateo Galvano be approved as a commissioner for the Athens Municipal Arts Commission: Moved by Kate, Second by Jeff. Motion passes unanimously*

- Next steps
  - A recommendation will be sent from the Chair of AMAC to the Mayor. \*it was unanimous\*
  - Mayor will decide yes or no, then that recommendation will go to City Council.
  - City Council will then vote officially. Mateo can go and represent himself.
  - Letter will be provided with terms: 3 years, can serve up to two consecutive terms.
- Mateo asks what his expectations are for AMAC. Mentions that he is already super busy and wants to make sure his time is used wisely.
  - Come to monthly meets. Assist with projects.
  - Andrew says:
    - Show up to meetings and advocate arts. Help people notice the very rich arts community in various forms.
    - Participation in AdHoc committees or smaller projects that arise. That happens outside of the meeting time and then is brought back to the monthly meetings.
    - A wealth and depth to the knowledge and connections that exist in the room to help get a bigger reach of understanding. We aspire to have a diversity of arts and artists.
  - Kelee will be in touch with an 'onboarding' packet/conversation.
  - Andrew says at the next meeting he will provide bylaws and other documents to help orient Mateo.

Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jeff and seconded by Andrew: Motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned 6:35pm.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM, Arts/West

