

AMAC Meeting Agenda
September 10, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM
Location: Arts/West

Will not be present: Jeff Risner, Kate Fetterolf

Present:

Review, discuss, and move to approve or update the minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting.

AMAC Admin

- AMAC Residency Requirements for Service Eligibility Bylaws Amendment: Kelee Riesbeck
Review and vote to update AMAC Bylaws regarding service eligibility
See: -AMAC Bylaw Change Proposal, Aug. 2, 2025 for process and procedures
-6/11/2025 Meeting Minutes for prior discussion

Legislative updates

- Andrew Chiki

Public Projects

- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
Stage II: "Far and Near East Side Mural Walk" drafted, final edits to come
- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf
Update on posting to mAppAthens site
- Athens Poet Laureate: Tina Wilson
Update on applications
- Art in City Spaces Project: Kate Fetterolf and Mateo Galvano
Update and plan for the future

Arts West /APRD Update:

- Katherine Ann Jordan will not be present

Announcements and other business

- Communication Breakdown: AMAC@ci...

Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 8, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM, Arts/West

AMAC Meeting Agenda
July 9, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM
Location: Arts/West

Will not be present: Kelee Riesbeck, Mateo Galvano, Andrew Chiki

Present: David Telega, Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf, Jeff Risner, Katherine Ann Jordan, Devin Sudman

Guests: Quelynn Telega

Review, discuss, and move to approve or update the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting.

Called to order at 5:32pm by David Telega

Review of Minutes

- Kate questions on Sculpture Park Feedback. In the future, we wanted to make sure that next installments be accessible. We will have to go through the process in the AdHoc committee next time.

Jeff moves to approve minutes, Tina seconds. Passes unanimously.

Legislative updates

- Andrew Chiki, Jeff Risner
 - Council is in recess currently Nothing to report.

Public Projects

- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
 - Stage II: “Far and Near East Side Mural Walk” drafted, final edits to come
 - No updates since the last meeting.
- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf
 - Update on posting to mAppAthens site
 - We have not yet heard from Nancy yet. We continue to email and await a response.
 - David notes that this seems to be a bottleneck for us to get this project finished. Notes that it is a concern for future collaboration.
- Athens Poet Laureate
 - Update

- Tina notes that it has been advertised and the media releases. So far everything is going good! Tina has contacted Stephanie K. Deadline is in September 15th.
 - Devin talks about the ALAS that is happening at Stuart's Opera House
 - David wants to know when to look at the calendar to even panic or relax because if we are coming up close and nobody as applied, that could be scary.
- Art in City Spaces Project: Kate Fetterolf and Mateo Galvano
 - Update and plan for the future
 - No update since the last meeting. Mateo is out of town for the month of July. Kate and Mateo will resume when he gets back into town.
 - First have to find out what buildings are owned by the city and then go from there.
 - Jeff said that we can go do Andrew for a list.

AMAC Admin

- Wants to increase AMAC's visibility in Athens. What can we do better about community outreach?
 - Devin suggests that we can be at the Music & Arts Festival (Sat, Aug 2nd)
 - Brochures
 - Tri-Fold about what we have done so far
 - Can we lead an art walk?
 - Air-dry clay
 - Tina says an interactive activity
 - What do you want to see more in your city?
 - Who can do some time?
 - Tina, Kate, David, Devin,
 - City can help with tables/tent/chairs/etc
 - Can be picked up.
 - Talk to Andrew about using funds for support that should have been used for the OAC Governors Awards.
 - Jeff says none of this should be paid out of personal pockets.
- May 6th, 2002 was AMAC's Start Date, which means the 25th anniversary of AMAC is in 2027.
 - Municipal Arts Conference at the Armory?

- Tiffin, Dayton, Yellowsprings,
- Wants to collaborate with other cities to see what they are doing and how they operate.
- Jeff notes that any coordination with the press/marketing.
 - KaterineAnn notes that we should reach out to Gabrille Sciotto (Athens Messenger), he is always looking for images.

Arts West /APRD Update: Katherine Ann Jordan

- Walmart Restroom Art: Adam West's pictures on the Walmart Soccerfield restroom doors look great. Time-lapse video was taken during the process.
- Program Coordinator for Arts/West was recently hired. Programming will be starting in the Fall.
- Community Center Track Mural: The mural in the upstairs track is not finished yet but is moving along. Subject matter consists of a sun scene, with a later moon scene to be painted.
- The 25th Anniversary Community Center Sculpture will begin in August, to start with concrete pouring and a landscape wall.
- The Sells Park sculptures are progressing along.
- Concert in the Park is happening next week, 6-8 pm at the Community Center.

Announcements and other business

- **No August 2025 AMAC Meeting:** Kate made a motion to cancel the August 2025 AMAC meeting in order to prepare for the August 2, 2025 ACAMF event. Tina seconded and All were unanimous in favor of.

Adjourn

- Kate made a motion to Adjourn. Jeff seconded and All were unanimous in favor of. The meeting ended at 6:38 pm.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM, Arts/West

Aug. 2, 2025
AMAC Bylaw Change Proposal

The goal of the project is to change the AMAC bylaw in the manner listed below and Athens City Code 3.07.50. - Establishment of the Athens Municipal Arts Commission that follows to allow a broader range of eligibility of service on the commission.

Current bylaw:

3.07.50. - Establishment of the Athens Municipal Arts Commission.

(A)There is hereby created and established the Athens municipal arts commission consisting of the mayor or their designee, a member of city council, and seven members of whom shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council. **Four** members of the commission shall be electors of the city and **three** members may reside outside the corporate limits.

Proposed bylaw change revises to allow **three** members be city electors and **four** members to reside outside the corporate limits but within Athens Township.

Proposed change to City Code 3.07.50. follows:

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(A)There is hereby created and established the Athens municipal arts commission consisting of the mayor or their designee, a member of city council, and seven members of whom shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council. **At least three** members of the commission shall be electors of the city and **four** members may reside outside the corporate limits but within Athens Township.

The process, confirmed by Athens City Council President Sam Crowl, Athens City Council Member and At-Large Representative Micah McCarey and Athens City Law Director Lisa Eliason, follows:

1. Ask that an in-person vote for a change to AMAC bylaws be added to the Aug. 13 AMAC meeting agenda. This goes to the new Interim Chair David Telega.
2. If it gets on the agenda and AMAC commissioners vote to approve this change, it does not make it legal. It has AMAC's backing in the record and begins its journey to become a revision to City Code 3.07.50 - Establishment of the Athens Municipal Arts Commission.
3. AMAC Interim Secretary Kelee Riesbeck asks to present this change to the City & Safety Services Committee, which Micah McCarey chairs. If it's approved, then the project must be added to the agenda for 3 City Council meetings and undergo 3 readings.
4. After 3 readings, City Council as a whole votes on it. If approved, City Code 3.07.50. is amended.

AMAC Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM
Location: Arts/West

Present: Kelee Reisbeck, Andrew Chiki, Jeff Risner, David Telega, Mateo Galvano, Kate Fetterolf
Not Present: Devin Sudman, Tina Wilson, Katherine Ann Jordan

Meeting called to Order: 5:35 pm

Minutes: Review, discuss, and move to approve or update the minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting.
- Changes/amendments: Kate Fetterolf's last name was corrected from the misspelling "Ferrerolf".
- Move to approve minutes: Andrew, Second: Kate, Approved: Unanimous

AMAC Admin

Interim AMAC Commissioner Positions: A formal vote for formal seating according to the bylaws processes, will occur at a later date as per those bylaws. For now a choice will be made for interim positions to carry out duties on an interim basis.

- Vote for Interim Chair: Candidate is David Telega

Andrew reviewed the process for establishing interim positions. A call for nominations was opened. David was nominated. Jeff moved to close nominations. Kate seconded. Unanimous approval.

Kelee made to motion to have David Telega serve as Interim Chair: Unanimous approval

- Vote for Interim Secretary: Candidate is Kelee Riesbeck

A call for nominations was opened. Kelee expressed willingness to serve. Jeff moved to close nominations. Kate seconded. Unanimous approval.

Kelee accepted the nomination. David made to motion to have Kelee Riesbeck serve as Interim Secretary: Unanimous approval

Presentation of Bylaws Section about Service Eligibility

Kelee gave an overview of the meetings she held with various city officials. Kelee would like to advocate for opening up membership to a larger citizen base in order to attract more commissioners. Currently, the commission has an open position which has been open for a while. One possible reason for this is the city/township residency requirements which may have a hindering factor in commissioner recruitment.

Discussion of Scope of Geographic Eligibility: Opening AMAC to Athens County residents, as it is with RAB. There was a discussion of opening AMAC service eligibility to residents of Athens County. Is it in the spirit of AMAC to enable accessibility to residents from other cities/villages in Athens County?
Kate: Is there a history of people volunteering who are from the county? Kelee: Since at least 2022, there has been no interest.

Andrew then gave an overview of the geographic areas of Athens and Canaan Townships. Athens city is in Athens Township and Canaan Township. The light at Walmart starts Canaan Township, so this would include all the residents on E. State St. and Canaanville Road.

Commissioner Recruitment: There was a discussion of why there are challenges recruiting people. A recent review of the current turnover then replacement issues was given. Then there was a discussion on the merits of opening commissioner positions to non-artists such as people acquainted with art and then becoming an advocate for it. Past commissioner membership was more artist focused. Non-artists present a diversity of backgrounds in order to provide balance.

There was a discussion to limit the geographic area from the County level, to the Township level. There was general agreement that opening up commissioner membership to the county level would provide many significant challenges.

AMAC Meeting Location Discussion: Jeff: Is it where we are meeting? Why don't we meet at City Council Chamber? Andrew: AMAC and Arts West have a history. When the new Community Center was built, there were to be art facilities and a theater included. When the levee passed, there was value engineering which resulted in 2 basketball courts instead of the planned 3, and to axe the theater. Then AMAC was created to hold people accountable and advocate for the arts. In 2004 the church went up for sale, then Arts West was dedicated in 2005 in response to the Community Center cuts. Those who founded AMAC, also founded and advocated for Arts West. So there is a strong connection between the building and AMAC. AMAC was not as formal as it is now, but currently it is a happy medium between quite lax and very formal city chambers.

Jeff: This is a commission. It should be displayed. Kelee: And televised? Jeff: If wanted.

Jeff: There is nothing wrong with formality. AMAC has matured. There is nothing wrong with a meeting where you are separated from the audience but where the audience can participate. This might increase publicity.

Kelee: Also, it would provide alignment with councils and boards and increase participation.

A discussion of a change of venue will happen when Devin and Tina are present. If AMAC changed venues, it necessarily wouldn't have to be recorded. AMAC as an advisory board without no real powers, not recording wouldn't be an issue.

Legislative updates

- Andrew Chiki, Jeff Risner

Athens City Website Chatbot

Andrew: The city is in the process of implementing a chatbot box for the city website. This is good for AMAC, because finding information was a difficult, multi-click process. The Athens chatbot indexes all the information on the website, as well as reading PDFs which is great. This will help accessibility and finding information on the website. Andrew gave a call for helpers to query the chatbox to help train it.

Sculpture Park Feedback

Jeff: There were many positive comments on the sculpture park. Some of the positive comments and feedback was read. It was noted that there has been some negative comments on internet forums.

Mateo: Will there be more sculptures added? Kelee pointed to last month's minutes there will be collaboration with OU. Andrew: To be a true sculpture park, we need to increase the number of sculptures. Perhaps, it can be budgeted for adding an additional sculpture a year.

Public Projects

- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck
 - Stage II: “Far and Near East Side Mural Walk” drafted, final edits to come
 - Kelee will revise descriptions and do the walking tour to see how it goes.

- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf
 - Update on posting to mAppAthens site
 - Kate: Nancy Stevens is not responding. Kelee will contact her as Nancy is her neighbor.

- Athens Poet Laureate: Kelee Riesbeck
 - Kelee will ask for a press release opening up applications. She will also be asking city web developers to place the application differently to increase accessibility.

- Art in City Spaces Project: Kate Fetterolf
 - Update and plan for the future
 - Kate recruited Mateo to start work on this and they will meet soon to plan. Kate asked about the scope of work encompassing just interior art, or both in- and exteriors. Andrew suggested exterior as well with the recent opening of the sculpture park.

Arts West /APRD Update: Katherine Ann Jordan

-Kelee updated. Music in the park isn't going to happen this month, as the sound guy bailed. Kelee then gave an overview of the outdoor music scene.

Announcements and other business

The Athens Community Arts and Music Festival is Saturday, Aug 2 from 10 am to midnight. There will be acts, arts vendors, arts participatory events, several non-profits. It will be a Dora area event.

The Dairy Barn Cash Cow. Kate: The Cash Cow is a fund raising event in the form of a sponsorship. Fundraising is behind the scenes, nothing occurs once the cow is up.

Andrew: And it may be more than one cow. You can sponsor a cow and have the cow decorated a certain way. They want permission to place the cows in public places.

Kelee: What is AMCA's role here? No role here.

Adjourn

- Move to adjourn meeting: Kelee, Second: Jeff, Approved: Unanimous

Next Meeting: July 9, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM, Arts/West