

AMAC Meeting Agenda

October 8, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Arts/West

Present: David, Kate, Tina, Mateo, Kelee

Regrets: Devin, Jeff , Andrew, Kathrine Ann

Review, discuss, and move to approve or update the minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting.

Kate: ACAMF, what is this? The Athens Community Arts and Music Festival; discuss the projects brought to the September meeting by Rachel Clark, Education Director at Dairy Barn Arts Center. Kate move to accept. Tina 2nd. Passed and accepted

AMAC Admin

- AMAC Residency Requirements for Service Eligibility Bylaws Amendment: Kelee Riesbeck

Update - Presentation of AMAC's city code change to the City Safety Service committee on 10/14/25. Kelee reviewed what will happen at the meeting, David will join her; David will aim to collect residency requirements for other commissions for comparison and will present. Discussion. Kelee and David will relay to the rest with results.

Legislative updates

- Andrew Chiki: not present. Kate said Armory opening was great, well attended, beautifully done.

Discussion about acoustics; sound system not installed yet

Kate reported about the art & decore line being used for other project priorities, prompting two committees to form to ensure both are installed at the Armory. One is a fundraising committee to secure the art + decor and another is a committee that will select the art.

-the funds will come from private philanthropy and fundraising events

- Mateo: heard they want to lease the space for art shows and pay for it that way

- Kate: her understanding is they they want fabric art to help with the acoustics

- Kate said Ann Money Penny & Michael Kleinman, Jeff Chaddock, and Kate & Paul are seeding it.

Public Projects

- Athens City Mural audit and enhancement: David Telega and Kelee Riesbeck

-nothing to report

Stage II: "Far and Near East Side Mural Walk" drafted, final edits to come

- Art Outside the Box project: Tina Wilson, Kate Fetterolf

- Kelee: emailed Nancy and await return email.
- David: put to print? Too big to print, perhaps
- Kate, make it known via the Dairy Barn's arts exploration activities, treasure hunts, etc.
- Mateo: can we elevate the quality of art we ask people to engage in?
- Kelee: suggested we can do both.
- Kate: clarifies that AMAC wouldn't have to do it all, get interns at OHIO, etc.
- Tina: suggested getting work study at OHIO.

- Athens Poet Laureate: Tina Wilson

- 2 entries. Extended to Oct. 15.
- Tina: City's website is not user-friendly for people seeking to apply for the APL
- Kelee to reach out to past ALPs for help getting people to apply
- Kate suggested it could be sign of the times, re: low application count
- Discussion: after Oct 15 and there are no more than 2 applicants, where the next steps? We will press on with the 2 , have the ad hoc committee meet, etc., decide in Nov., share with Mayor, present at City Council, then it's accepted and approved.

Update on applications, New deadline – 10/15/2025

- Art in City Spaces Project: Kate Fetterolf and Mateo Galvano

Update and plan for the future: TBD, no report

Arts West /APRD Update: [David sends to Kelee 6 points]

- Katherine Ann Jordan

Announcements and other business

-At the next meeting vote for permanent office roles for: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. They are David, Devin and Kelee respectively.

- Kate:

-Discuss using one of the Armory meeting rooms for an AMAC meeting in November. Kate talked to Andrew and he said it would be fine. Do we have to pay? Kate will find out from Sadie Meade, Director at the Armory, and report back.

- Kate:

-Discuss projects AMAC members could consider for the future that could be of benefit to both artists and the city

-projects in place when she joined AMAC

-Kate: What our job as a liaison to the city that doesn't just support the City? How do we put Athens on the map as artist-centric projects, not just busy work.?

- Thinking of umbrella group that puts all arts orgs in the City together in a communications connection to easily understand what everyone is doing, share ideas, promote what we're doing as a artist-centered city/community.

-Forming a partnership that allows for greater communication within the city and county radius and greater visibility.

- Move away from competition and do more cooperation.

- What is the reason we want to do it.

-Mateo: similar to OHIO's Chaddock + Morrow School of Art + Design: making a calendar in both print and digital so more people know about arts event. Could this be a format AMAC could use? TBD

●Dave: 2027 AMAC Conference? Yes/No? If Yes, next steps...25th anniversary. Save for Nov. meeting

Adjourn: Kelee moves to adjourn. David second. Passed and approved.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2025, 5:30-7:00 PM

For AMAC commissioner's review and information

What follows is a recap of AMAC's presentation to the City of Athens Service Safety Committee Oct. 14, 2025 regarding changing Athens City Code 3.07.50. to allow more Athens Countians the opportunity to serve on AMAC. See the document for this effort [here](#).

View the recording [here](#).

Recording highlights:

–Sam Crowl, current Council president, suggests we market the open seat to OHIO students, especially art students. Beth Clodfelter spoke in support of that suggestion as well.

–Steve Stone says he's grateful that Council allows him to serve in his role as City Service-Safety Director, even though he is not a City resident. He also says that the Mayor generally likes to seat City residents on city commissions.

–Alan Swank had a few views that appeared to contradict one another. First, he said he was opposed to changing city code in general, and is also concerned about opening seats up to more people who live in Athens Township because they aren't obligated to pay full city taxes. He said he knew 3 people who might be interested in serving and Kelee asked him to provide her with those names. Alan offered to post a promotion to apply to serve on AMAC via 3 neighborhood Facebook pages he belongs to. Second, he asked why residents who live in a section of Canaan Township, home of the Federal Hocking School District, couldn't also be included in the AMAC eligibility map. He said that the WalMart property straddles both Athens and Rome Township and seemed to promote the idea that residents near this area should be eligible to serve as well.

–Email exchange: See attached and [here](#). Micah asked council members Jessica Thomas and Alan Swank to recap their remarks from the meeting and send to Kelee. See Jessica's response below. Nothing from Alan as of Nov. 4.

– Note in the email exchange Kelee sent Alan that promo language using amac@ci.athens.oh.us as the contact address. On Nov. 4, Kelee reached out to Alan to ask if he has received the Oct. 20 email and if so if he had time to review it and if so if he will: a) provide the names of the 3 people he said may be interested in serving; b) if he posted the CTA to the Facebook neighborhood groups and if so, provide screenshots so Kelee can know the names of those Facebook neighborhood groups.

Hi all,

You're welcome, thank you both for coming!

I learned afterward about the sound issue. I have reached out to Scott, and he said the whole system went down due to a power glitch. So unfortunately, that is out. I will surmise below (what

I recall) but will also plan to reiterate my points when it comes back up at the next committee meeting.

From the 10/14/25 committee meeting

On the change to allow 4 members to reside outside of the city proper this is one way in which we can allow some input from those who while reside outside the limits but work within the city and pay income taxes to have a voice and to serve in a role.

Jessica

Next steps: On Nov. 4 Kelee asked Micah and Jessica via email about the status of next 2 readings and next steps after that.