

AMAC Meeting Agenda
February 11, 2026, 5:30-6:30 PM
Location: Arts/West

Present: Andrea B, Devin S., Kate F., Tina W., David T., Kelee R., Mateo G., Beth C. Meghan J, Katherine Ann J.

Not Present:

I. Preliminaries: New Commissioner Welcome – Andrea Baird!

II. Minutes: Review, discuss, and move to approve and/or update the minutes from January 14, 2026
Who moved to pass? Who second-ed it?

III. Legislative Updates:

- Mayor designee: Megan / City Council Representative: Beth
- Beth
- Review of Sunshine Laws: AMAC business of a major topic must be discussed in public at the regular AMAC meetings
- List of street fest not yet approved; will keep updated
- City street parking update: From Dec. 19 2026-Jan 12, 2027 allowed to park for more than 24 hours in one spot
Meghan
- City Comprehensive Plan 2020, update every 5 years
 - starting public engagement
 - Request guidance for the logo + branding for the document, like the Essence of Athens doc; has funds to pay a designer
 - Mateo mentioned design undergrads in the School of Art + Design
 - Devin: AMAC does a call for RFP with these requests

IV. AMAC Projects:

- 1.) Subcommittee Formations and Sunshine Law Compliance
 - Subcommittees of 3 or fewer can discuss project progress over email, calls, then report out at regular AMAC meetings.
 - Motion to approve the formation of the following subcommittees was made by [name here] and 2nd by Beth C., approved:
 - 2027 Arts Conference: David T., Andrea B., Tina W.
 - OHIO MAA/AMAC: David T., Devin S., Kelee R.
 - Local Arts Org Coalition: Kate F., Beth C. Will help: Devin and Mateo
- 2.) AMAC Membership/Eligibility Change Update: Kelee
 - 7 to 9 members, suggesting 5 electors from Athens City and 4 from Athens Township
 - Kelee: Presented at Feb 9. City Council meeting, City Safety & Service Committee suggested opening up to 4 Athens County instead of Athens Township residents. Kelee, Devin, Kate, Beth, Mateo approve of opening to Athens County residents, David says wants to keep it Athens Township + the kick out into Canaan Township that is part of Athens City. Kelee will discuss with Mayor then present any updates/votes needed at March 11 meeting. After that, start over with 3 readings in City Council to change City Code.
- 3.) 2027 AMAC Conference Update – from Research to Outreach: Dave / Tina
 - Brief report on what municipal arts look like in Ohio:

Dave

- passed around **handouts about research he's done on other municipal arts commissions in Ohio**
- AMAC's website: we have a Cadillac arts organization with a Yugo website; would like to improve
 - Katherine Ann J.: can't change it/create own owing to Athens City cybersecurity protocol managed by digital/media team
 - AMAC gets a pass on using Google drive and Gmail owing to the large amount of data in both and it's longevity, but its not supported by City's IT team
 - FB and press release posts have to go through Scott Thompson
- get started on Municipal Arts Conference ASAP
 - work with A.C.A.M.F?
 - how many overnight stays will emerge?
 - about the arts alone or include history and culture? Arts alone is more practical for a first-time conference
 - Devin suggested David reach out to the Ohio Chamber of Tourism
 - Katherine Ann suggested to David that he apply for the Visit Athens County Innovation Award grant.
- AMAC / OU MAA Collaboration - Concrete suggestions for partnership. Meeting scheduled and David will report back

Tina:

- meeting w/ Courtney Lefevre:
 - suggested getting volunteers + tracking their involvement via Give Pulse, also helpful to Kate for her project; her office places
 - Courtney manages OHIO's Work Study students where OHIO pays for student to work with non-profits, up to 10/week during the school year and up to 36 hours in the summer months
- 4.) Meeting with Athens County Planner / Athens County Comprehensive Plan: Kelee: will attend Feb. 12 meeting and report back; goal is to listen and learn about the group and how it functions from a county arts lens.
- 5.) Local Arts Group Coalition Formation: Kate: planning and developing, now w/ subcommittee formed
- 6.) Municipal Art Relocation / Disposal: Katherine Ann: Mateo moved to deaccession the piece, Kate second, motion approved.
 - Beth suggested offering it to Passion Works Studio
- 7.) Art Outside the Box Project: Tina / Kate - Update on posting to mAppAthens site. Kelee continues to remind Nancy Stevens about posting the project to the site. Getting some response and will keep checking/asking until it's posted.

V. Arts West /APRD Update: Katherine Ann

- Sculpture Park signs: Andrew Chiki asked Katherine Ann to take on the project, she's moving away from plaques and wants to use posts with info printed on a flat piece at an angle for reading; gathering final copy and QR codes to artists' websites; will share with AMAC before go to print; will include a wayfinding sign at the front of the park; \$3k-\$4k budget, will bring more info next month
 - Kate advised to ensure the sign posts don't obstruct the view of the sculpture pieces
- Open Jam for old time music at Arts/West well-attended, 4th Sunday of each month
- beginner ukulele class is full, intermediate is not full
- Knitting group a success
- new projects: art-themed birthday party planning, attendees guided by artists(clay themed, etc.) at Arts/West; start with children's parties then go from there; have a program coordinator for this

VI. Announcements and other business

Adjourn: Kelee moved to adjourn and Kate 2nd. Motion approved

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