

AMAC Meeting Agenda

July 08, 2026, 5:30-6:30 PM

Location: Arts/West

Present:

Not Present:

I. Preliminaries: Opening Announcements of Relevance

II. Minutes: Review, discuss, and move to approve and/or update the minutes from the last meeting

III. Legislative Updates: Mayor designee - Meghan / City Council Representative - Beth

IV. AMAC Projects:

- 1.) AMAC Letter to City Council - Lasher Hall: Kelee
Review the DRAFT letter of support from AMAC to City Council on its passing of the ordinance that made Lasher Hall a local historic landmark at Council's June 1 meeting.
- 2.) AMAC Commissioner Recommendations to the Mayor: Dave
- 3.) Local Arts Group Coalition Formation: Kate
- 4.) AMAC ACAMF Participation Plan: Dave
- 5.) 2027 AMAC Conference: Dave / Tina / Andrea
- 6.) Art Outside the Box Project: Tina / Kate

V. Arts West /APRD Update: Katherine Ann

VI. Announcements and Other Business

Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026, 5:30-6:30 PM, Arts/West*

No meeting in August due to ACAMF participation preparation

AMAC 6/10/2026 Minutes

Present: David, Andrea, Kate, Mateo, Alaina, Katherine Anne, Gracie, Meghan, Kelee, Devon, Beth

Not Present: Tina

1. Preliminaries - Opening announcements of relevance
 - a. Upstairs or downstairs for AMAC meeting space?
 - i. Consensus on moving downstairs
2. Minutes: Review, discuss, and move to approve and/or update the minutes from the last meeting
 - a. Change title to minutes instead of agenda
 - b. Correction on adding a last name for Anne Kovolchick (guest)
 - c. Add Devon to non present
 - d. Correction for spelling on Alaina first name (guest)
 - e. Add the \$ amount for the price point for the mayors roundabout sculpture discussion
3. Legislation Updates: Mayor designee - Meghan / City Council Representative - Beth
 - a. (Beth) On July 4th there should be a July 4th celebration, featuring a stage put up at the corner of Court and Union & they will likely feature 2 bands from Pittsburgh.
 - i. Additionally, from 4-7pm there will be a community picnic on College Green, featuring local bands
 - ii. They should be extending DORA to the College Green for this event
 - iii. Separate mention that DORA has extended to the west side near the Ciderhouse
 - b. Kelee asks Beth about the working city council meeting regarding when rules will be read, etc
 - i. Beth says that Miah is hoping to examine council rules as president to help improve council in general
 1. Main topic focused on is audience participation at city council meetings
 2. Current rule is that an individual can speak for 3 minutes on 1 topic, and any 1 topic can be discussed for 15 minutes total
 3. Majority decided to not limit people on total time
 - a. Council will cut the topic off if the audience starts to disrespect each other
 - c. (Meghan) With Passion Works purchasing the Court St building, they hope to do a mural on the front & north side, they will need to get the design approved by the historical society
 4. AMAC Projects
 - a. Local Arts Group Coalition Formation: Kate & Gracie Vaughn

- i. Proposal for new name - Athens Arts Community Catalogue (references [handout](#) for details)
- ii. Google form update -
 - 1. If someone selects no to consenting, the form will end immediately
 - 2. Planning to promote the catalogue/sign ups digitally and with physical posters
 - 3. Upon further discussion, AMAC realized this cannot live on a Google Form due to city commission regulations. KAJ & Meghan will discuss best place for this form to live
 - 4. Will likely end up living on the AMAC landing page on the city website
 - 5. Beth asks if the consent disclaimer will say it's the content will be available to the public? Answer: yes
 - 6. Kelee asks how far will the reach be to get sign ups? Answer: County wide
 - 7. Kelee interested to learn more about the [NORC](#) (where the definition of an artists was pulled from for the form)
 - 8. Gracie points out that there will be an "other" option incase someone doesn't identify with one of the NORC artists type classifications
- 5. AMAC Letter to City Council - Lasher Hall
 - a. Kelee offered to write this
 - b. Beth says council already approved, but Don Adleda may be interested in a letter of support from AMAC for funding in the future
 - c. Devon asks if AMAC can write letters of support in general? Meghan: Yes
 - i. Chair would sign off, members listed at the top of letter
 - d. All agrees that we are in support
- 6. AMAC Membership Recruitment
 - a. We officially have 2 new seats open & 2 new interested candidates, Paul Longo & Alaina Pellet
 - b. David recommends that we open the application up for 30 days so its available to the public
 - c. We can promote the open seats on facebook
 - d. Deadline will be right before the July meeting (July 7th)
- 7. AMAC ACAMF Participation Plan
 - a. Scott Winland welcomes ACAMF booth
 - b. David proposes a trivia map of where local murals & electrical boxes are located for an activity
 - c. AMAC should set a schedule for ACAMF volunteers
- 8. 2027 AMAC Conference: David / Tina / Andrea
 - a. Scott loves the idea of scheduling this around ACAMF 2027, especially with the Friday pre party which could be great for conference participants
- 9. Art Outside the Box Project: Tina / Kate
 - a. No updates

10. Arts West/APRD Update: Katherine Anne
 - a. Porch Fest went great, held at Arts West
 - b. The June concert in the park may or may not happen
11. Announcements and Other Business
 - a. (Meghan) Her office is working on the comprehensive plan update
 - i. A component of this is meeting with each city commission. She is asking AMAC to give a list of 10 goals & 10 action items on how the commission would like to see the city grow
 - ii. Arts, culture & values will be a big part of the comprehensive plan
 - iii. Devon asks for info on the current plan
 - iv. Kelee asks if November could work for AMAC's response, Meghan says this will work
 - v. David suggests if each commissioner comes up with 1 goal & 1 value, we would get it done!
 - b. Kelee: Dug into the % for the Arts (Percent for Art rule requires that 1% of the total appropriation for new or substantially renovated state-owned public buildings (costing over \$4 million) be allocated for the acquisition, commissioning, and installation of artwork)
 - c. Reviewed [exemptions](#), Mayor never needed to consider % for the arts because the roundabout is technically a highway (falling under an exemption)
 - d. Beth expressed frustration that he didn't consult AMAC regardless
 - e. Kate says AMAC should be a support system to ensure public art is chosen with a correct process & would like to remind the mayor that we appreciate being consulted on these matters regardless of requirements
 - f. Meghan clarifies that \$75,000 is the amount that does not need to be put out for public bid which is separate from the % for the arts rule

All move to adjourn