

AMAC Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026 5:30-6:30pm

Location: Arts/West

Present: Beth C., Kate F., Kelee R., Kathrine Ann J., Andrea B., Mateo G.,

Regrets : Devin, David, Meghan, Tina

1. Opening announcements

• Secretarial changes: Kelee

-Kelee stepping down as Secretary, Adrea Baird volunteers to take on the role

2. Minutes: review/ discuss/ update minutes from March 11 meeting, move to Approve. Kelee moved, Beth second, motion passed.

3. AMAC admin and public projects

* AMAC membership and eligibility updates: Kelee

-Kelee presented to the City Safety and Service Committee in March

-Alan Swank said current language of "outside corporate limits" includes Athens Township and well beyond; said all AMAC members should have full vote and doesn't agree with Mayor's voting stipulation; is for a 6 to 3 ratio, 6 shall be electors of the city and 3 may reside outside the corporate limits but within Athens County. A 6 to 3 ratio is a non-starter for AMAC as it gets the spirit of the project nowhere.

-Kelee spoke to Lisa Eliason and she agrees with Alan but should be updated current language to limit service to Athens County residents;

-Kelee will speak to Mayor about dismissing his voting rule

-Kelee will update Paul Isherwood, chair, City Safety and Service Committee, and present on April 27

* AMAC and OU partnership updates: Mateo (Undergraduates)

-Waiting for approval of 9 seats on AMAC

* Athens Art Coalition update and review of suggested organization submission form and artist database: Kate, Beth

-Fliers by Gracie

-google form by Gracie: advised to remove mission statement and replace with request for info about programming done by who is completing the form

* 2027 AMAC Conference update: Andrea

-dates discussed: Fri. Aug 6, Fri July 30 2027

-Will HOLD those date at the Armory; space given free of charge

-Scope: 9a-5p Friday at the Armory

Saturday AM at the Armory, light bites and coffee, then head to A.C.A.M.F.

-Advised to ask Boone at Visit Athens County for discretionary funds to help fund it OR for spring 2027 grant cycle submit grant for VAC's Innovation Award; City would need to be fiscal agent

-Conference Name ideas: Community Through Art: Art Through Community; Regional Exploration; Municipal Mosaic

-Presentations and panels: budget solutions, volunteering for arts selection process, philosophy of what is municipal arts; panel about the creative economy

-Kate: who will be the speakers?

-Advise to reach out to Dr. Christi Camper Moore with OHIO CoFA's Master of Arts Administration program

-Who attends? Ohio's core cities + regional municipal arts entities

* Art Outside the Box updates: Kate, Kelee

-Temporary link:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0070325b1e11489d913fff3a5f14b0a0>

-Kelee continues to email Nancy Stevens re: getting this content on mAppAthens.

* Sculpture Park updates: Katherine Ann

-Buying signs that title the piece + name the artist, to be installed near each piece by the city.

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4. Legislative updates

* Beth (city council rep): street closing: no final report yet, working on it

5. Arts West updates

* Kathrine Ann

-Arts/West and arts-related Community Center events: calendar review through the end of summer

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6. Announcements and other business

* Poetry Month Events: Kate

-April is poetry month, flier distributed

Adjourn: Mateao moved, Kelee 2nd, approved and adjourn at 6:29 pm

Next meeting: May 13, 2026, 5:30 – 6:30pm at Arts/West