

AMAC Meeting Agenda

September 09, 2026, 5:30-6:30 PM

Location: Arts/West

Present:

Not Present:

I. Preliminaries: Opening Announcements of Relevance – New Commissioners!

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

III. Legislative Updates:

1.) Mayor Designee – Meghan - 2050 Comp Plan

2.) City Council Representative - Beth

IV. AMAC Projects:

1.) Athens Arts Catalogue Update: Kate / Kelee

2.) Athens Photographic Project Installation at Athens Sculpture Park: Katherine Ann

3.) Athens Sculpture Park: Application and Review Process for Temporary Installations: Katherine Ann

4.) Athens Poet Laureate Community Engagement Report: Tina

5.) 2027 AMAC Conference: Dave / Tina / Andrea / Alaina

V. Arts West /APRD Update: Katherine Ann

VI. Announcements and Other Business

Chair's Timeline: Dave

Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 14, 2026, 5:30-6:30 PM, Arts/West

Athens Municipal Arts Commission (AMAC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 8, 2026

Time: 5:30–6:30 PM

Location: Arts/West

Present: David, Kate, Mateo, Alaina, Kelee, Devon, Andrea, Tina, Beth, Ash (guest), Meghan

Not Present: None noted

I. Preliminaries: Opening Announcements of Relevance

a. Commissioner Terms

Kelee noted that Kate rolled off the commission in June and would like to renew her term if AMAC approves. Tina's term will end in August, and she would like to remain on the commission for at least one additional year.

b. Commissioner Applications

Kelee reported that there are four active commissioner applications to review. Six applications had originally been received; two applicants declined.

c. Kennedy Museum of Art Anniversary Celebration

Mateo announced that on September 26, KMoA will host a "Friendsgiving" celebration marking 30 years of the Kennedy Art Museum. Tickets are not yet available but will be \$75.

II. Minutes: Review and Approval

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Devon moved to approve the minutes. Tina seconded.

Vote: All approved.

III. Legislative Updates

Mayor's Designee — Meghan

Meghan reported that there were no updates at this time. She will send information by email regarding AMAC's questions about the comprehensive plan.

City Council Representative — Beth

Beth reported that there were no updates, as City Council is currently on break.

IV. AMAC Projects

1. AMAC Letter to City Council Regarding Lasher Hall — Kelee

The commission reviewed the draft letter of support from AMAC to City Council regarding the ordinance designating Lasher Hall as a local historic landmark, which passed at the June 1 City Council meeting.

- Kelee read a copy of the draft Lasher Hall support letter.
- Beth noted that she should not be included on the letter because she serves on City Council.
- David noted that AMAC currently has nine voting members.
- Kelee clarified that only voting members will be included on the letter.

2. AMAC Commissioner Recommendations to the Mayor — David

Alaina stepped out of the meeting because she is one of the applicants being considered.

- Two applicants are electors of the City of Athens, and two live outside the city.
- Kate asked whether David had been able to meet with anyone besides Alaina. David said he had not.
- Kelee noted that it may not be feasible to meet with every applicant given the timeline.
- The commission reviewed each applicant. (*Discussion omitted from the minutes.*)
- **Alaina and Avery will be recommended to the Mayor.**

3. Local Arts Group Coalition Formation — Kate

The commission discussed the proposed local arts directory/coalition.

- It was suggested that the name be changed to **Athens Arts Directory**.
- The group felt that “directory” sounded somewhat dull.
- Mateo suggested using “directory” as a descriptive word in a subtitle rather than the main title.
- Katherine Anne suggested “registry” as an alternative descriptor.
- The group decided to use **Catalogue** as the main title, with “registry” in the subtitle.
- Kate noted that the list of artistic disciplines is becoming lengthy and may need to be streamlined.

Discussion of Artistic Disciplines and Search Functions:

- Devon asked whether the form could be programmed so users can select multiple mediums or disciplines in which they practice.
- Mateo suggested using “transdisciplinary,” noting that “interdisciplinary,” “multidisciplinary,” and “transdisciplinary” can have different meanings.
- Devon clarified that selecting a broader category such as “music” could reveal more specific options, such as conductor, live music, classical music, etc.
- Kate emphasized that the catalogue should make it easy for members of the public to narrow their search based on what they need—for example, finding a photographer specifically for a wedding.
- Kelee asked whether the group could conduct a trial run of the form to gather feedback.
- Kate agreed and noted that additional feedback will be especially important from musicians and from people connected to the university in order to identify student organizations.
- Mateo asked whether campus organizations should be included. Kate confirmed that they should.

- Kelee discussed her future involvement with the Athens County Planning Commission and how that role could potentially support the project. She noted the county's goal of conducting an inventory/ audit of art throughout the county and the opportunity to encourage more people to complete the form.
- Kate noted that a physical version of the form will also be available.
- Devon suggested that Kate meet with Emily Prince of ACF, who could provide information about a variety of local organizations.

4. AMAC/ACAMF Participation Plan — David

David presented a mock-up of an activity for the sculpture park at the festival. Festival attendees would visit the AMAC booth and match sculptures to their locations on a map.

Discussion:

- Devon suggested adding a timed/speed element to the activity.
- Mateo suggested including information about the sculpture park for attendees who are unfamiliar with it. He also suggested making the activity larger.
- David suggested using a large whiteboard for the activity.
- Kelee preferred the current size because it would make the activity easier for children to participate in.
- Suggested grand prizes included lunch with the Mayor and recognition from City Council.
- David suggested creating a simpler version of the activity focused on more recognizable murals.
- **Separate note:** Kelee mentioned the Dairy Barn “Cash Cow” sponsorship opportunity.
- **Scheduling:** David will be present all day. Kelee offered to cover a few hours, and Tina said she should also be available for part of the event.

5. 2027 AMAC Conference — David / Tina / Andrea

There were no conference updates. The commission noted that the conference is approximately one year away.

6. Art Outside the Box Project — Tina / Kate

Kelee noted that there have been some complications with the project.

Tina explained that the Art Outside the Box project includes a self-guided tour and map of Athens that community members helped create. The link for the online tour is currently not available on the website. Nancy Stevens had been assisting with the project and had access to the link, but she has been out of town. Basil, or whoever is currently covering her role, will need to assist with getting the tour posted on **MAPPAthens.org**.

V. Arts/West and APRD Update — Katherine Anne

- APRD launched a podcast this week and is planning approximately seven or eight episodes for the first season.
- The podcast's theme is **“Explore, Create, Play the Athens Way.”**

- Mateo suggested that a senior art student involved with the Marching 110 could be a good potential guest.

Sculpture Park:

Something will be added to the pads at the sculpture park.

Concerts:

- The June concert in the park was moved indoors to Arts/West.
- Concerts for July, August, and September are all planned.

VI. Announcements and Other Business

There was no additional business.

Kate asked whether Ash had anything to add. No additional business was noted.

VII. Adjournment

All members moved to adjourn.

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There will be no August meeting due to preparation for ACAMF participation.

Chair's Timeline - Succession, Completion, Reintroduction, Resignation

Succession / Completion

September: 09/9/26

Announcement of final meeting date as Chair being 11/11/26.

A call for Commissioners to consider serving as Chair

October: 10/14/26

Commissioners statements of intent to serve as Chair

November: 11/11/26

Commissioners vote to recommend to mayor next Chair

Current Chair's last meeting as Chair

Reintroduction / Termination

December 12/9/26

New Chair in charge

Old Chair is now "Conference Coordinator"

August: 08/??/27

Conference

September: 09/08/27

Conference Coordinator's last AMAC meeting; resigned