

AMAC meeting minutes for November 10, 2021, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In attendance: Kelee Riesbeck, Josh Birnbaum, Holly Ittel, Jeff Risner, Emily Beveridge, Andrew Chiki, Katherine Ann Jordan (director of APRD), Chelsa Morahan, Kelly Lawrence, Beth Braun

0. Changes to Agenda

Add to Section IV.a.: The Krampus Parade, Kelly Lawrence
MOTION TO ACCEPT: **PASSED**

I. Call to Order and legislative updates: Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner

The city is coming to the end of the fiscal year and trying to allocate money for arts projects, including possible a celebration for the 20th anniversary of AMAC. This also includes funds for Athens Community Music and Arts Festival.

II. Minutes from October 13, 2021 for approval: Beth Braun & Josh Birnbaum

Under Section II: Minutes, correct “motion” by adding a D at the end
MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS CORRECTED: **PASSED**

III. Arts West / Arts of APRD Update: Emily Beveridge & newly appointed Director of APR, Katherine Ann Jordan

a. Arts West Announcements

Arts West After School Arts Classes will return for Winter and Spring 2022. During each After School Arts class participants will be led by the instructor through a lesson in Costume Art, Puppet Theater, Music, Drawing, Paint & Prints or Ceramics.

Arts West Gallery Show: Charlie Haskins Show on display November 5th - December 22nd

Community Center Show: Athens Art Guild Show on display November 1st - January 31st

Ohio Valley Summer Theater presented an *All Together Now* Cabaret at Arts West On November 12th and 13th

The Lost Flamingo Company presented a production of *The Laramie Project* at Arts West November 19th and 20th

The 8th Annual Holiday Craft Swap will be held at Arts West the weekend of December 4th and 5th. Items may be dropped off the week before, and participants can pick up the swap bags during the weekend.

The Holiday Prints, Plants and Pots Sale will be held at Arts West the weekend of December 4th and 5th.

The PRISM LGBTQ+ After School Program will begin in person programming Mondays at Arts West starting in January.

Dayton Willison has joined the Arts West staff as a Program Coordinator!

- b. Katherine Ann Jordan, the new city-appointed director of Arts, Park and Recreation Department (APRD)

She is working to learn more about Arts West to help support arts in Athens. She has a background in music and performance and wants to bring APRD together and have good communication.

IV. Ongoing Public Projects:

- a. Krampus Parade: Kelly Lawrence

Krampus is a German legend, he's like the anti-Santa. Children were told that if they misbehaved, Krampus would take them away. There will be a parade early in December (most likely Saturday Dec. 4 since community center not open Sunday). Kelly will start that parade in the parking lot of her shop, Chosen Pathways Spiritual Emporium, and the group will walk down to the Community Center, and then walk back. Patty Mitchell will donate the main costume for Krampus. It would be fun to do at dusk with fake torches. They might set up tables outside for hot cocoa at the middle or end of walk.

- b. Art Outside the Box - Round 4: Holly Ittel & Kelee Riesbeck

9 of 10 of the traffic box art wraps from the third round are up, many on East State Street. The last location will be at the intersection of State and Stimson Streets. All locations will be tracked.

Round 4 of the RFP is in the works. Ten designs are selected, and five alternates are selected. One image per artist can be selected (10 artists) and no groups can submit images — it has to be a single artist. The jury can see work beforehand

but will make decisions during a jurying session. We will have to rename files to make them anonymous.

Potential jurors include Marvin Fletcher, Quinn Hunter, and Adonis Durado. The Southeast Ohio History Center is able to give a set of facts that artists can be inspired by or include in their works. When will we need these facts? They will look at deadlines and get Tom O'Grady at the history center a date for delivery.

When do artist get paid? It depends on the signing of honorarium, a completed w-9, and delivering the image at the right specifications.

Josh will ask Adonis Durado if he can be a juror. The committee will also look at a list of jurors to find an alternate.

c. Athens Community Center Mural: Beth Braun & Kelee Riesbeck

Kelee reached out to the Athens Messenger about pitching a story on the collaborative project and will follow-up.

d. Possible future projects for commissioners to spearhead:

i. Murals on the top of the parking garage

Mayor Patterson talked to Keith Wilde about organizing a project here.

ii. Park Benches

Mayor Patterson talked to potential donors about putting park benches in various public places. Could we do a bench for JD Hutchison in front of Blue Eagle? Kelly will talk to the owner, Frank McDermott.

iii. Spring/Summer Concerts at the Parks

Where could we do this type of event? What type of music? Monthly or weekly? AMAC is thinking of starting small. APRD has an inflatable video screen and audio equipment. Could we do films there at the community enter with the Athena? It is cheaper for a community center to license a film than the theater. Still planning on having the Athens Community Music and Arts Festival in August 2022.

V. Ongoing Commission Business:

a. Ohio Arts Council Governor's Arts Awards 2022

No news yet

b. 2022 Event Discussion

- i. AMAC 20th Anniversary with Daily tous le jours tie in (<https://www.dailytouslesjours.com/en/work>)

What do we want to do for a summer 2022 event? AMAC wants to make sure Bob Winters gets commemorated. Can we do an exhibit in the community center or at Arts West showcasing what AMAC has done over the years? Community center gallery is up for 3 months at a time. The May-August period is open as of now. Do we have pictures in the archives of students working on the community mural, for example? Arts West show would be one month. Frames and printing will be an expense, but there will be a budget available from the city. Frames could be repurposed for future AMAC and Arts West and Community Center exhibits and projects.

VI. Commission Action Items:

a. New Member Handbook Items

Commissioners are still working on this. Chelsa will work with new members to add some of their experiences.

b. Social Media Coordinator

More later on this topic!

VII. Announcements and other business

City planner Paul Logue will be joining AMAC for the Dec. 8th meeting

VIII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 8, 2021, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West