

AMAC meeting minutes for October 12, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM
Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

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

Budget season is approaching, meaning the City has reserved funding for the Athens Community Music and Arts Festival and some money for Music in the Parks. For next year, if there are specific initiatives, discuss and come up with a dollar figure.

Parking garage art installation: the city is planning a larger installation. They did some renovation a few years ago to improve the parking garage and included wraps inside. The city is considering replacing these with artwork on the inside concrete segments.

Art Outside the Box project has gotten nearly all entries and paperwork. The city can then proceed with printing and installation.

II. Minutes from August 10, 2022 for approval

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10th AMAC MEETING: **APPROVED**

III. Election of 2022 officers:

a. Slate:

- i. Chair: Kelee Riesbeck
- ii. Vice Chair: Holly Ittel
- iii. Secretary: Devin Sudman

MOTION TO ACCEPT SLATE OF OFFICERS: **APPROVED**

b. Meeting turned over to newly elected Chair

IV. Arts West / Arts of APRD Update: Emily Beveridge & Katherine Ann Jordan

-The Ohio University BFA and MFA printmakers have a gallery show up at Arts West which will continue through October 31st.

-Simone Villavicencio and Tanner Ingle will have a gallery show in November with the reception occurring on Friday, November 4th from 5-7pm.

-Cat's Pajamas Clothing Exchange was held in person on September 30th and October 1st at Arts West. The event raised nearly \$2,000.

-Emily attended the Ohio Arts Council Arts Impact Conference. Learned that Akron had a big study done funded by a foundation about what could be done, equity, etc. Could city of Athens do this with outside support?

-After School Arts Classes are continuing.

-The Tantrum Middle School Drama Club will host it's fall performances on November 12th and 13th

-Arts West will be hosting the Athena awards on Nov. 2 and a Burlesque show with Goddess Collective on Oct. 21.

Can there be a collaborative meeting between AMAC and the Arts Park and Recreation advisory board? Kelee will investigate with their new chair.

V. Public Projects:

a. Poet Laureate 2023: Chelsa Morahan

Deadline to apply was this past Friday and we have three applications. Chelsa has sent them out to ad hoc committee. They will review on Sat. Nov. 5th. Chelsa will have to step down on the ad hoc committee at the end of October so Kelee will take over on that committee. The committee might also do an exit interview with outgoing poet laureate.

b. Fire Headquarters - Percent for Art: Andrew Chiki

The city has made progress on the design for the fire headquarters. Architects have identified a location for a percent for art project. Guidelines are: it should be an exterior installation, it should be somewhat interactive, and it needs to be commercially durable (weather-resistant, safe for kids to climb on/not dangerous, low maintenance). They don't want it to be fenced off or behind glass. Approximately \$90,000 is reserved for this project. We had discussed doing a bandshell / performance space. It could be a space where people can create art. Does the ad hoc committee create the idea or solicit RFPs? First, identify generally what the project will be. Then AMAC can put out an RFP or if needed, a bid request. The ad hoc committee can set the guidelines, such as if it is limited to Athens artists or open to others. Andrew will check in with architects about the feasibility of a bandshell (electric supply, design in that space, etc.). T-Bone at Stuart's Opera House could consult if we go that route. Neighborhoods could object to the noise. The community center might be a

better location for that type of structure. For this location, sculpture or 3-D art installation or some kind of art walk could work. If this is done and not all funds are used, the city could then transfer remaining funds towards installing a bandshell at the community center.

Ad hoc committee will form and should be chaired by an AMAC member, but should be made up of community members. Holly will chair the committee.

The city will be moving quickly with this project. By the first of the year, AMAC should identify members of the ad hoc committee and create a framework for decision making.

VI. Commission Business:

a. New Commissioners Needed Discussion

A press release was published in the Athens News last week. We have two applicants and two others who are interested in applying. We could invite some applicants to come to a meeting to chat with them and meet them. AMAC will make recommendations to the mayor, who can then appoint new commissioners. The chair could informally chat or have coffee with applicants just to get to know them. Applicants can email Patty Witmer with a CV/resume and letter of intent. Instructions here:

<https://www.ci.athens.oh.us/662/Become-a-Municipal-Arts-Commissioner>

VII. Announcements and other business

National recycling day art exhibit takes place on Nov 15th: students, teachers, parents, and families can take part. Images of your artwork made of recycled materials can be submitted and will be shared with a video compilation.

<https://education.ohio.gov/Media/Ed-Connection/Oct-11-2022/Participate-in-National-Recycling-Day-virtual-art>

VIII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: November 9, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West