

AMAC Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2022, 5:30-7 PM
Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

- I. Call to Order and legislative updates: Kelee Riesbeck, Andrew Chiki, Jeff Risner
In attendance: Kelee, Devin, Jeff, Andrew, Emily, Chelsea, Katherine Ann, Andrea

Kelee has reached out to the Mayor to discuss the possibility of commissioners being able to attend virtually due to medical/health reasons. AMAC is aware of the Sunshine Laws that are in place. Andrew stated that there must be a physical meeting held in the public, and a quorum must be present to vote on AMAC issues.

The City has set aside funds for Music in The Parks (3k), Athens Community Music Festival (10k), and for a Mural Project in the Parking Garage.

There are issues of vandalism of local art uptown. Specifically, vandalism of the Athens Photo Project that is installed at the Parking Garage. There have been 6 or 7 installments that have been severely damaged, and are expensive to fix. There is some video footage of the alleged vandals, Andrew and his team are continuing to monitor the situation.

- II. Minutes from October 12, 2022 for approval

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12th AMAC MEETING: **APPROVED**

- III. Arts/West(AW) and ARPD Update: Emily Beveridge & Katherine Ann Jordan
- AW will be hosting a CD Release.
 - ONCE the musical auditions are happening on 11/13
 - AW has hosted all of the Lost Flamingo Company(LFC) productions this year. LFC is an OU Student Theater Organization.
 - Tantrum Middle School Drama Club shows are coming up for A Play that Goes Wrong. Tantrum Drama Club will be returning to AW in the Spring for performances, but will be hosting rehearsals at the middle school.
 - Prints, Plants, and Pots Sale is coming up in December
 - The AW Gallery currently has an installment from Passion Works Employees.
 - Session 3 of the After School Arts programs is about to begin.
 - Farmers Market has moved to the community center, it will move indoors in December.
 - Athens Art Guild is having a show in the Community Center the first weekend of December.

- Katherine Ann had a meeting with OU Students who are interested in a painting project during Summer Camp. More details to come.
- Discussion about what to do with the Canvas Projects from Halloween and other community events. Emily Suggests the Community Center, other suggestions where the City Code Office, or local School.

IV. Commission Business:

- a. Announce new commissioners selected at Nov. 7 special meeting.

Three names have been forwarded to the Mayor's Office for City Council Approval: Nancy Epling, Stephanie Snyder, David Telega. If they are approved and accepted they will attend the next AMAC meeting as a commissioner. If all three accept, we will have one seat remaining to be filled on the commission. Kelee will reach out to candidates to explain where they are in the process.

V. Public Projects:

- a. Poet Laureate 2023 selected: Kelee Riesbeck

The Ad Hoc Committee shares that the committee had met the past Saturday with Wendy McVicker who gave insight to the Poet Laureate role.. 3 applications in total, one dropped out. Out of the 2 applicants was a very strong candidate (Stephanie Kendric) who the ad hoc committee recommends. Kelee shares, "her muse is the community." She created a poem about AMAC! Council will vote on the December 21st at 7pm session to officially approve Stephanie into the role.

Emily suggests that an event take place at Arts/WEST in the new year, once students are back, to present Stephanie to the community and to allow Wendy to share with the community about her tenure. Emily asks if a budget for such a thing exists, Andrew is going to look into it.

MOTION TO ACTIVATE STEPHANIE KENDRIC AS ATHENS POET LAUREATE: **PASSED**

- b. Fire Headquarters - Percent for the Art: Andrew Chiki

The City is in the last phase of the planning process of development (finishings, fixtures, etc), as we know there is a place for a city owned Art Display. General questions, will there need to be electricity/utilities for the installment? When does the ad hoc committee need to be formed? Who puts out the RFP? There is about 90k in funds set aside for this project. The Ad hoc committee will be chaired by Holly and she will work on getting the other members together who will meet with Andrew and his team in December to begin this process.

- c. NEW: ODNR Request for muralist for state-wide mural project

AMAC was contacted by ODNR about a potential mural installation that features Smokey the Bear and the history of the SE Ohio Region. Emily suggests that this could be a great opportunity to work with the Mine Drainage Pigment Project, this time next year there should be pigment that could be mixed with whatever base to create paint (silver, purple, yellow, red). Possible locations could include Sells Park, Shelter Houses, Armory, etc. Kelee is going to put Katherine Ann in contact with ODNR for further information on the possibility.

VI. Announcements and other business

Kelee got an email from someone who is interested in generating a website/database that would be a hub about all things art in our region. Blogs, videos of performances, calendar, etc. Creativity is the foundation of which it will be built. Guest Artists can help create their page, etc. We on AMAC agree that this is a major issue in our community, but also acknowledge that such a task will need a team/department and funding to ensure that it is successful and sustainable.

There is a group of people that are meeting consistently that are bringing a SHIFT workshop to the city in March. The goal is to bring people together for arts and inclusion. 50% of people of the Global Majority are needed, in addition to a good mix of all community members.

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 14th, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West. The Mayor will be in attendance.