

AMAC Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023
Submitted by Kelee Riesbeck

Present: Andrew Chiki, Jeff Risner, Katheine Ann Jordan, Emily Beveridge, Nancy Epling, David Telega, Kelee Riesbeck, Holly Ittle. Regrets: Devin Sudman

Guests: Kate Fetterolf, Kaitlin Thorne, Chelsea Morahan, Adam Remnant

Legislative updates:

Jeff

- big project taking over OU ridges to build facilities for moderate income elderly people moving forward. Concept: how to get income to put into the Ridges. Rental income. Public private partnership. Rehab left wing. Think in terms of years.
- Art component may be involved.
- Mayor could appoint a council person to be appointed; currently there is no City of Athens rep on the OU body working on this.
- Nancy Stevens could be asked to weigh in on if and how AMAC could be at the table if needed.
- More info here: <https://www.ohio.edu/university-planning/planning/master-plans>

Andrew:

- City council phase 3 parking garage project passed. Develop art component. Andrew meets with Don Dispenza re: the design soon.

Minutes from March 8 passed: moved by Jeff Risner, second by Andrew Chiki.

Update to AMAC bylaws passed: moved by Holly Ittle moved, second by Nancy Epling

Adam Remnant:

- presented AIR Collaborative program.
- Try to identify a need. For Athens: how can Athens be more welcoming to people of the Global Majority, looking for participants..
- What does AIR want AMAC to do? Current members could be involved to produce the workshops and promote City of Athens buy in.
- Next meeting is fall 2023. Minimum number of people needed is 12 and meeting can include a maximum of 36 people.
- Nancy said Passion Work could host one.
- Example: in Nelsonville: the church on Front Street is doing community themed events. At the old brick kilns, a group is develop a small park there with educational history component.

Percent for art update: Andrew Chiki

- RFP bids for station out; 6 bids, now have 3 to be considering; the City has chosen one.

- earth moving happening. Andrew shared a revised map of the project area.

Holly Ittle

- Courtney Kessle has RFP; a few reviews; can move forward after next meeting and released a few weeks after that;
- landing page on website has been built;
- Get word out to university alumni. All alumni CTA Jenn Bowie for form (Kelee) and Daniel King.
- 7 sculptures \$7500 honorarium; 3 extra for future expansion;
- could be one for temporary installation but that's TBD;
- individ or one org can apply;
- 1 year to fabricate artwork; send professional portfolio; installation process being discussed.

Andrew:

- Discussed ability to create a clamshell with a bathroom around the corner;

Holly:

- Artists will be encouraged to create sculpture to include multi sensory elements.

Jeff question:

- do proposals become public domain? Andrew said yes; Jeff raised the idea of there being an artist who reviewed other submissions before submitted their own risking the taking of intellectual property
- Open process but all winning designs on the the website for the public;
- communications plan: pre RFP; then RFP press released; then release about winning designs;
- Time line has been moved up by one month; committed to accessibility

Emily:

- cats pajamas \$1500 in revenue;
- Arts Partnership OAC grant reviewed May 2, decide in July;
- OU campus and community engagement + community on Friday ; Original work *Thruples Counseling* play May 18, 19, 20;
- art show May 22-end of June Creature Comforts (fabric and embroidery work)

Katherine Ann;

- The View Upstairs canceled b/c unable to cast for the show in time;
- concerts in the park; dates 3rd Thurs in May, June, July August, 6-8 pm on BBall court behind the Rec Center; all filled Nicole Albers nalbers@ci.athens.oh.us has the list of acts and if she needs help;
- movies in the park happening starting in June but dates TBD;

Other business

Andrew;

- APP installed new show against parking garage;
- Peace Pole at Armory Park sponsored by Athens Rotary;

- Announcement about mural under the 33 underpass by Athens County children's services—didn't know they were doing it but City of Athens is interested in doing something on the other side of the street
- have a pillar to work with would like to have it done; how can the city sponsor it?;
- Met with Scott Windland about ACM+AF, (Aug. 12) as did Kelee;
- DORA days for businesses to do special things; mitigate complaints from businesses re: street closures;
- Working with Tony's and Casa to do an event on May 19 Tony's sponsoring band + movie on the street Blues Brothers;
- June 9 DORA, pride week closer Brandon Thompson disco doesn't suck dance party on the street;
- July beginning of Ohio Brew Week, last call will be DORA for uptown establishments;
- Aug. 4 Athena Ride for Women uptown DORA event, also a street closure;
- Boogie on the Bricks June 24, street closed, DORA. ACM+AF could be like Antioch, OH
- Holly: with Uptown events make sure some places where families could go to move away from loud music
- Andrew performs at SOHC May 20 6-8pm as Cylde E Fife Brothers historical character; at SOHC's Night at the Museum event;
- Suggested that all events and event details are promoted via the Canvas by Emily Votow at WOUB

Nancy:

- Stephanie Kendrick, Athens Poet Laurette, dropped of her first Periodic Poetry at Passion Works; other locations.
- Kelee gets a copy, put in AMAC ephemera box.