

Amac 4/13/16

Present: Carol Patterson, Sandra Sleight-Brennan, Scott Winland, Beth Braun, Paige Alost, Andrea Lewis, Christina Deidesheimer, Mayor Steve Patterson, Andrew Chiki, Kent Butler Chelsa Morahan.

5:30 – 6:30 tour of the Armory

6:30- Athens Beautification Day is Sunday The mural at Arts West is being painted

9:30-11 and 12:30-3:00 pm Jolena emailed Carol Patterson. Jolena approached Carol about extending the mural beyond the original scope of the design.

Commissioners are encouraged to try to make it at some point to help out. Arts West will be painting

Scott, Carol, Chelsa and Andrea will meet regarding the Commissioners handbook Beth is sending out Doodle poll.

Plans were received today from RVC for the renovation of ArtsWest

Preliminary cost- bathrooms 96K

Additional work that was requested to be added to the plan- including the roof, handicap ramp, two room \$164,220

Next step is to hand off plans to City administration for funding. The target is 100K Andrew will present it to the Advisory board next month. The original target date was July 18th, 2016 for a 30 day project. Very small window due to the summer camps and the start of the school year.

Secretarys Report submitted by Andrea via email. Sandra made a motion to approve, second by Scott Winland approved VV

Old Business

Scott - Busking -did research in some larger cities you have to have a permit to busk But the greater question is: Does AMAC want to foster an environment that welcomes busking? We do not take a stance at this time

All assignments from last meeting were covered.

Paige announced that she met with Amanda Kridler the County planner, who has interns that are working on mural potential spaces

Kent-Council member Papai brought up the potential for West Union as a pedestrian area closed to traffic in the left bound lane. The Commissioners were concered with issues of business traffic, flow etc.

Mayor Patterson, appreciates issues and items that need to be overcome. For AMAC is this opportunity for an installation of Art work, and is it something to pursue? An example would be PSAC and how can the city be a part of its transformation.

HOMEWORK- what ways can that space van be used to promote public art. Positive possibilities. And we will brainstorm . SSB Athens conservancy is considering putting in a art and poetry trails. Benches. Paige- ongoing conversation about the sculpture trail. Library has been very supportive of using the space behind the library as a poetry corridor from the library all the way to stimson. And we should not the willingness to contribute from,.

Brainstorm about the armory.

Andrea – wanted to make sure that we were all aware of existing (similar) services that exist in our community to some of the proposed ideas and that we do not poach from other non-profits, and to keep that in mind as we go through a feasibility study.

Beth- open to art like entrepreneurs who are looking for space

Paige- the space is not that big so we are not replacing Stuarts Opera House so there are limitations so being flexible and income generating

Mayor Patterson brought up the DD Board and Passionworks survivability in its current location. The Mayor mentioned that he made a promise to them that there would be a retail space in the armory for them.

Carol- encourages commissioners to carefully look at flexibility that thinks about multi use of the space.

HOMEWORK- conceptualize a little bit more – conferences, art displays, retail space and other potential

Kent- Street tour with Andy Stone talked about developer buying family dollar retail on bottom, and apartments upstairs.

Parking is a huge issue that needs to be addressed during a feasibility study and included in the plans

Paige is adding an event this summer that has potential for AMAC involvement –an event featuring the 30 MM promoting restaurants during OBW – with printed promotion and an event for the public featuring some participating dining est. mid-week

Christina- added that as we look at future projects more live performance iis included into the mix, in addition to the visual arts

SSB move to adjourn 7:26