

AMAC March 16, 2016

Present: Carol Patterson, Beth Braun, Paige Alost, Scott Winland, Andrea Lewis, Andrew Chiki, Chelsa Morahan

Quorum is present

Old Business

Murals Stimson and Waste Water Treatment Plant

Beth and Carol met at Donkey and are going to have a site visit to both sites.

Carol went over the minutes from last meeting to make sure that Commissioners addressed all items and assignments

Election of Officers: Slate of Officers-

Carol asked members present if there are any additional nominations for Chair, Vice Char, or Secretary prior to a vote? Carol is making a motion to accept the slate of officers as it is presented in the minutes from the previous month.

Motion seconded by Scott Winland: approved by VV.

Carol brought up that the mayor requested that we consider electing a treasurer. And his additional suggestion that the commission establish set of bylaws. Andrea mentioned that a set of bylaws may exist with the original commission paperwork. Prior to the next meeting we will pull a set of bylaws and make sure that the Mayor is aware of our concerns as a commission that does not have the ability to grant and re-grant funds as it relates to a treasurer. For the purpose of the limited funds that the Commission would potentially have assigned to them, the commission feels that they can be managed by the commissioners as a whole.

Carol asked for feedback regarding a new commissioners handbook. Scott came up with a list that should be included: How do new members work with community members. Reiterate the mission? How do we specifically work with the City / and City Council. Portfolio of past projects? (bulleted timeline) Submission process (with examples of past projects). What are the defined member roles? And How does it tie into the Essence of Athens? An additional item of interest to the commissioners is that they would like to ask administration if it is possible for AMAC to have our own web page.

Beth suggested that we all agree on a set of materials that need to be included in a handbook.

Can we request that a better web presence be a priority? Documentation for the public is hard to find. Paige has offered to host a page temporarily or a few pages. Beth Braun asked if Joel can take photos of art that we have been involved with. Beth compiled a list to submit to Joel.

Steve asked Carol to go to the Cultural Center in Columbus- it is a part of their parks and recreation department. Carol described their programs a bit to the group, what was evident is that the Cultural Center in Columbus encompasses programming that is done by many outside community groups in Athens. Carol asked that we all take a step back to take inventory of the services and resources that are available in the community already so that we do not poach from each other.

Chelsa as part of the conversation stated that there is a need for some music practice rooms. Beth said it would be interesting if we could figure out how we can get a capacity building grant for planning and implementation, to address a needs analysis.

Carol was approached by community members to see if there could be a designated place for Buskers. The group discussed it and came up with the following concerns:

1. Is it a good idea.
2. Is it ok in relation to the code as it reads today
3. Is it a conflict to have it at the courthouse. Scott will do some research. On this and report back to the group

Andrea will look to see if there is code that addresses busking

Chelsa:

From Nate at APP- would like a letter of support from AMAC for the garage project. Andrea will draft a letter and have it emailed to Kent to submit on behalf of AMAC.

Chelsa asked that Commissioners complete the information form for the City She is still not in contact with RVC, AMAC suggested that They contact another contractor since they are not receiving timely (if any) response from the company to move their project forward

Beth suggested that we have our next meeting offsite for a facility tour and have a group dinner after. It was agreed that we will meet at the Armory for a tour and conduct the business meeting following the tour at an uptown location

Andrew Chiki- gave an update on the Piano that is on loan from the Jennings family

Motion to adjourn Beth Braun

6:42 pm