

AMAC meeting agenda for March 8, 2023

5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Arts/West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In Attendance: Kelee Risebeck, Holly Ittel, Nancy Epling, Andrew Chiki, David Telega, Emily Beverige, Katherine Anne Jordan, Guests: Chelsa Morhan, Susan Hostetler, Melana Berney, Kate Fetterolf

I. Legislative updates: Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner

Parking garage update - City is proceeding with phase 3 of the top floor to reinvision to include arts components. Half a million dollars in upgrades will be presented to the City Council. AMAC may be invited to work with architects to integrate art components into the design. A certain portion of the funds will be designated for art with a 2024 completion date.

Fire Headquarters update - the deadline for bids has been extended by one week.

II. Minutes from February 16, 2023 joint AMAC and RAB meeting for approval

February minutes - add Skatepark repairs are forthcoming.

MOTION TO ACCEPT FEBRUARY 2023 MINUTES: PASSED

III. Arts West / APRD Update. Emily Beveridge and Katherine Ann Jordan

“Once” Production opens on Friday, March 17. with ASL interpreters integrated into staging. A sensory friendly production will be presented on Saturday.

Cat’s Pajamas Clothing Exchange - Now in its 15th year. Clothes college begins March 21 and the event is April 27 - 28. This is the first Cat’s Pajamas spring event since 2019.

Arts West Gallery Show is artwork by Passion Works

Winter classes are wrapping up

A Middle School summer camp is working on a Shakespear in the Skatepark event during SkateJam.

Pride Month production of “The View Upstairs” opens on the 50th year anniversary of the event the show is about, June 16 - 24.

Disability Awareness quilts are on display at the Community Center

Concerts in the Park is in the planning phase with May - August dates.

Katherine Ann will send AMAC the old Passion Works mockups to revitalize this project.

IV. Public Projects:

- a. Fire Headquarters- Percent for Art
i. Ad Hoc committee update: Holly Ittel

The ad-hoc committee has decided to hold back \$7,500 total funds for the opening event. Up to seven artworks will be selected with an honorarium of \$7,500 each.

- b. AMAC Bylaws:
i. Review of updates made by David Telaga

At the Mayor's request, the ordinance will be put into a template to unify the various commissions ordinances. David has also corrected grammatical errors, edited to base forms, and the changes will go to City Council for approval. These edits were presented to AMAC for review.

- ii. Vote to approve update of AMAC Bylaws

Edits will reflect templates and confirmed working will be on the agenda for April for approval by AMAC before being presented to the City Council.

V. Announcements and other business:

- a. Update on Commission Chairs meeting with Mayor Steve Patterson: Kelee Riesbeck

Kelee met with the Mayor to ensure that the commissioners feel thanked and appreciated. The Mayor would like to host an event for commissioners. The committees are encouraged to create some type of award. AMAC will develop a, "Arts Advocate" biennial award for significant service to the Arts in Athens.

- b. Mt. Zion Preservation Society: stained glass repair: Holly Ittel
The Mt. Zion conservation group is looking for suggestions, assistance, funding, etc. to preserve the stained glass windows.

Other business: Appalachian Cancer Survivor program is partnering with the OU GRID Lab for a culturally specific pilot program combining virtual art nights and is currently soliciting artists.

Chelsa is participating in a Appalachian Studies panel discussion regarding the Athens Poet Laureateship program. She will be speaking about how the project was developed and what it has provided to the community.

The Aquestitions to be revamped - Chelsa will provide David with more information

The mural walk mapping project can be continued, David may start to work on it.

The new round of traffic box wraps are being installed in the next few weeks with a total of 40 artworks.

Do we want to replace/reprints some of the older installations? AMAC will decide how to handle this after evaluating the current conditions.

Appalachian Hell Betties interleague scrimmage will be on Saturday, March 11 at the community center.

- VI. Adjourn
MOTION TO ADJOURN: PASSED

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts/West