

AMAC Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2021, 5:30-7:00 PM
Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In Attendance: Chelsa Morahan, Kelee Riesbeck, Jeff Risner, Emily Beveridge, Beth Braun, Steve Patterson, Scott Winland, Andrew Chiki

I. **Call to Order and legislative updates:** Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner

-Mayor Patterson reported on ongoing issues with 6th floor of parking garage (mostly tagging). Two of the perpetrators actually reached out to the Mayor and apologized for defacing public property. Mayor reached out to Keith Wilde to begin discussions about a community mural project up there (to discourage further tagging, etc.) that would be sort of a “paint by numbers” in order to facilitate participation by persons of all abilities. RFP? Multiple murals? Work off-site and install (like community mural)?

-Mayor Patterson also expressed interest in resurrecting the concept of the “Art Bench” (along bike path, etc.)

-Mayor Patterson reminded the group that the new director of Arts, Parks and Rec will begin her tenure on the 25th. He spoke a bit about his conversations with her with regard to using the parks for more arts events (Southside Park, Armory Park, etc.)

-Mayor Patterson stated his support for the 2022 Athens Community Music & Arts Festival and requested that AMAC come up with a small budget (relative to past years) so that he may include it in City budget discussions. This led to some discussion about reserving dates in advance for “annual” events.

II. **Minutes from September 8, 2021 for approval:** Chelsa Morahan

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES: PASSED (Motioned by Kelee Riesbeck and seconded by Jeff Risner)

III. **Arts West / Arts of APRD Update**

- Art Werger tribute show with works by him and some of his former students.
- Community Center Gallery will have a show in the beginning of Dec
- Charlie Haskins – painter from Portsmouth – installation in November
- Many classes going on for elementary and middle school kids are taking place

- Kiln donated by Morrison-Gordon ES and Emily is working on appropriate room to install that will allow venting
- OVST production of “Clue” is sold out
- OVST will do a Broadway Review next month as a fundraiser for Arts/West and food pantry
- The Laramie Project will be presented by the Lost Flamingo Company

IV. Ongoing Public Projects:

- a. Art Outside the Box - Round 4: Holly Ittel & Kelee Riesbeck
 - Holly has uploaded the RFP to the AMAC Resources folder
- b. Athens Photo Project Youth Exhibit: Chelsa Morahan
 - Chelsa reports that the project is wonderful with powerful stories from the students. Located at Parking Garage
- c. Athens Community Center Mural: Beth Braun & Kelee Riesbeck
 - Beth and Kelee discussed how they will work together to get the story out in the form of a press release;

V. Ongoing Commission Business:

- a. Ohio Arts Council Governor’s Arts Awards 2022 – no update
- b. 2022 Event Discussion
 - i. AMAC 20th Anniversary
 - Chelsa reports that it is in May 2022; would like to do something to mark the occasion with the purpose of making what AMAC does more visible; also as a way to solicit more participation in AMAC; discussion about returning to the pursuit of the plaque/commission in Bob Winter’s honor (the money still exists) with the possible dual purpose of celebrating Bob and the anniversary of AMAC
 - ii. Athens Community Music & Arts Festival
 - Do we have a date? (Not positive but planning to follow Bounty on the Bricks as per usual). How can AMAC help? Nothing yet.

VI. Commission Action Items:

- a. New Member Handbook Items – Chelsa is still working on it
- b. Social Media Coordinator – We want to develop a schedule for posting, however, AMAC is not permitted to have our own social media account; think about potential hashtags for Instagram
- c. Review Daily tous le jours (<https://www.dailytouslesjours.com/en/work>): Chelsa Morahan & Andrew Chiki – No update.

VII. **Announcements and other business**

-Art Outside the Box – Andrew has been in touch with Performance Signs. They have all the information and it is now a matter of doing the installations. They say it's next on the list.

-Chelsa will reach out to new APRD director and inviting for November and perhaps Paul Logue to the December meeting

VIII. **Adjourn**

Riser/Winland – adjourn 7pm

Next Meeting: November 10, 2021, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West