

AMAC Minutes for Sept 13, 2017. 5:30-7:00. ARTS/West

In Attendance: *Josh Birnbaum, Andrew Chiki, Chelsa Morahan, Emily Beveridge, Kelly Lawrence, Scott Winland, Carol Patterson, Beth Braun*

I. Call to Order and legislative update.

*Kent Butler and Steve Patterson not present*

II. Minutes from Aug. 9, 2017 - Forwarded from Josh Birnbaum

*Approved*

III. Continuing Business

A. Current RFP for Stimson Mural – Chelsa Morahan

*No entries so far. We can either extend deadline to Nov. 1, we could do a spring RFP, or we could work with OU students. Emily met with Julie Dummermuth and discussed partnerships with ARTS/West and School of A+D. Talked about Zephyr Mural Project and a class, where students are tasked with planning, designing, and implementing murals at various sites. Could have this site be part of the Zephyr class. School will pay for materials. Within walking distance of Seigfred so logistically appropriate. This is not a long-term agreement — in just this instance they would get the location and project.*

*It is possible for us to do this once and then OU can continue with ARTS/West separately, and the city can have more RFPs for future mural projects. Even if done for class, the project would have to go through Council because it's public property. We do have precedents for bypassing RFP process, and in this case there are no entries. We've given it a try. The community did have an opportunity for input. It might be too big a project for one artist to take on, or the entry period might have been short. Are the trees obscuring the wall and making it less appealing? We can cut them*

*back if they are impeding public walkways.*

*Partnership would be very good for ARTS/West. We need to shape a recommendation and then go to Mayor and City Council. We know that extending the deadline typically gets more entries. But if the site is in the city, part of class would be learning process of working with the city (proposal, council meetings, public feedback, etc.). The class will need to have a syllabus, which can demonstrate to Council what they plan to do. If class doesn't go (not likely—it's a topic seminar which is popular with students with should have materials funds from student fees, but we should check on it), we can put out a spring RFP.*

***Motion:*** *If we get no submissions by RFP deadline, we adopt partnership with OU class which follows civic process of public art by bringing it to AMAC, City Council, and the public. Could be a great possibility. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.*

**B. Summer 18 activities – Scott and Kelly**

*Scott and Kelly will get together soon to discuss. Talking about working with a committee outside of AMAC. They will bring to next meeting general guidelines, obligations, and what it could take to make it happen. Scott would like to rethink the date perhaps. Possibly talk about having the event in the Bicentennial Park area, and behind the pool and skate park. It's possible to bring in a real stage there with power, plenty of green space, could easily fit 2000 people there and parking is established on the other side of community center. We still like the idea of being uptown too. Still in the idea phase. Do we have a budget? Will look at costs estimated before about stage and sound system setup.*

**C. Art at the Pool - Andrew**

*City had 2nd official pool construction meeting. Going through value engineering: bringing items out of plan to decrease budget.*

*But, brought some art aspects back into pool plan: coating on concrete for instance that can be used for designs. Also discussion about water features coming back into design. Did take out iron work on front gates (it was too expensive). They're also talking about lighting options. If they save there, they can use money for other areas. Will be more clear in about a month.*

## V. Reports

### A. Water Plant Mural – Carol Patterson

*Still in same condition it was last month. No other updates.*

### B. Sculpture possibilities – Steve Patterson & Carol Patterson

*Carl Wright, WSG Gallery, contacted us and Mayor Patterson and Carol talked to him. Different sizes, abstract art. Possibility of leasing artwork one or on a rotational basis. Where are we planning to put these? That is still open to discussion. Not determined. Similar to Midwest Sculpture Initiative. Will need to talk to Mayor Patterson.*

### C. % Art Flier – Josh Birnbaum

*Made corrections. Sent to Kent Butler. Was not discussed at Council. Will remind Kent and include Debbie Walker and Chris Knisely on email for next meeting.*

### D. Outside the Box – Carol Patterson / Emily Beveridge

*Moving along. 4 out of 10 artists have been heard from. Some images were the wrong size. Emily will be reaching out to artists. The notification email was confusing as to size and where to deliver artwork. Suggest a single person be in contact with artist to keep the process simplified.*

### E. Bench project - Carol Patterson

*Went to Council and Council loved it. They've applied for an Athens Foundation grant and Carol wrote a support letter. They*

*are also writing for other grants. They asked if City wanted to help fund and mentioned that AMAC could designate funds. Carol will check with the Mayor on these funds. The group is having a fundraiser for the bench project at Little Fish on Sept. 24th, 12-2pm.*

## VI. Announcements/Miscellaneous

*Andrew - The City put out an RFP for renovating basement. Only 1 company bid, one withdrew. Bid was well outside 10% allowance, meaning we go back to starting point. Have to look at electrical/plumbing, will have them analyze their numbers. This takes a while and project will probably not happen soon.*

*Josh - Parking Garage Project Update: Hilferty and Associates is working on a new design for Parking Garage Project with the Athens Photo Project on a more feasible, modular design with metal mounting strips on the the parking garage wall that can handle large photographs. Will be up to public comment again soon.*

*Andrew - Fountain in front of Recreation Center: Originally installed by Rotary Club. It has been falling apart. Rotary has been responsible for maintaining. They had a mason/ceramics inspector come. They are supposed to be repairing by the end of September. Had to come up with solution to degradation problem with mortar and chlorinated water. Will be building an overhang to prevent future degradation in the future.*

## VII. Adjournment

*Oct Meeting: Oct. 11*