

AMAC Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2018 at ARTS/West 5:30 – 7:00

*In attendance:* Carol Patterson, Ann Judy, Kelly Lawrence, Josh Birnbaum, Mayor Steve Patterson, Kent Butler, Scott Winland, Beth Braun, Emily Beveridge, Andrew Chiki, Leisha Price

*I. Call to order and legislative updates. Kent Butler and Steve Patterson.*

At some point City Council will have to introduce an ordinance to fund the APP Parking Garage Project. They will need introduction, three readings, and a final approval.

Armory Art Park is moving along. We will be introducing stone that is from the region (ODOT has been using them). At some point, when park is usable and we have stations for art, Mayor Patterson would like AMAC to help plan the art for the space.

Stimson Ave. mural will be whitewashed during the week of Feb. 22nd.

Liquor Permit for the City: Working on this with the law office. There has to be a non-profit holder that administers it. We would have to create a parallel 501c3 organization and that will happen. The City does have a D5 liquor permit that allows alcohol sales to funnel through that permit.

Jeff DeLeval — artist who had created the Richland Ave. roundabout art — said there was some damage to sandstone and he would be willing to replace.

*II. Minutes from January meeting (resending via email)*

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES: PASSED.

*III. Updates:*

*A. Summer Activity - Scott and Kelly*

Scott and Kelly met on Sunday to discuss plans further. Scott will be in charge of music. It will be 12-8pm approximately on Saturday, August 18th on Union St. from Congress St. to Court St. 12-4pm will be more fair or art focused. Then music festival will begin at various venues.

Detours can be made around closing that section of the street. Parking Garage as location was less appealing for a variety of reasons. Will need a City Ordinance for street closing. Signage will be used since there are no meters on that section of the street.

Scott will need to reserve the stage and sound system from Bob Dewey. Will be done as details are ironed out. The City will need to see an itemized budget to commit financial support. Fundraising and campaigning will also help to raise funds. Mayor Patterson suggests an F2 permit for liquor and partnering with Brew Week folks to tag onto theirs.

Brandon Thompson is in charge of that event and might be interested in satellite event support.

It is suggested that Scott and Kelly meet with the City Safety Director to discuss street closing, power access, and any other issues. Patty Mitchell and her folks will be involved.

*B. Poet Laureate – vote on committee recommendation to send to City Council on February 19.*

We had four applications. The committee interviewed the top two candidates and recommends Kari Gunter-Seymour. She is founder of Women of Appalachia and is an exceptional candidate. MOTION TO ACCEPT HER AS POET LAUREATE: PASSED.

She will be introduced to Council.

*IV. AMAC officer discussion*

AMAC should elect officers. For example, our secretary has been unofficial! Carol Patterson is Chair, Beth Braun is Vice Chair, Josh Birnbaum is Secretary. If any AMAC members would like to run, contact Carol and she can send out a slate to be voted March 14th meeting.

*V. Law Director memo. Schedule meeting time.*

The City law director Lisa Eliason feels it can be beneficial to talk to all City Commissions about rights and responsibilities, since AMAC falls under all the laws that the City falls under. Carol will invite her to the AMAC meeting on March 14th.

*VI. Announcements and Other business*

Questions arise over the proposed human trafficking fashion show to be brought to Athens by two OU students. Andrew will check with the students. ARTS/West is booked but the Union might be available.

Josh Birnbaum will work to compile comprehensive public art inventory that includes both OU and Athens and bring it to AMAC. Currently folks at OU are trying to make lists and maps. AMAC's database will include: Athens and OU art, as well as outside and inside public art. Public art must be accessible to the public. The idea is that AMAC can be the keeper of a master list of public art works in the Athens area and can be constantly keeping it updated. We can put it on the City website. We can create useful products from there, like art trails and maps.

*VII. Adjournment*

Next Meeting March 14, ARTS/West 5:30-7:00