

AMAC Meeting Minutes Jan. 9, 2019 at ARTS/West, 5:30-7:00

In Attendance: Ann Judy, Emily Beveridge, Beth Braun, Josh Birnbaum, Scott Winland, Kelly Lawrence, Chelsa Morahan, Carol Patterson, Steve Patterson
Guests: Nadzeya Likevich, Zoe Zralik, Maggie Prest

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

A. Poet Laureate - Kari Gunter Seymour was renewed for 2019. She will be notified.

B. Commissioners reappointment - These were sent out

C. Publication of Minutes and Agendas - Patty Witmer at Mayor's office will receive these and get them out to media. She will do all commissions so there will be consistency. Carol will send her agendas for AMAC meetings and Josh will send the minutes once approved.

II. Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2018

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: **PASSED**

Josh will send approved minutes to Patty Witmer at the Mayor's office.

III. Guests

A. Nadzeya Likevich and Zoe Zralik - Creative Placemaking Week

Two OU students have the idea to engage community to create a united creative public space: there will be lectures, brainstorming and workshops on community. The sculpture park will be transformed. They propose to create an interactive public space. They showed a few art projects others have done before. There will be three parts: the stairs (color them, windchimes, lights), the wall (mural in collaboration with college of fine arts, skyline of the city and invite people to color it), the park (benches, open air gallery, parklet/patio space). Can utilize solar lights and possibly window canvases. The process will incorporate community feedback and engagement. They will conduct surveys three weeks before, so that the week can be planned. The public can be invited to donate materials, and the Athens Makerspace will help. Proposed week at the end of March 18-24, or 26-31. Will possibly invite visiting professional from Cleveland or Columbus to talk about Creative Placemaking. Tuesday will have brainstorming. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be implementation, creation, and coloring. It is all volunteer-based. Sunday presentation, discussion, reception, and enjoyment. Will hopefully be getting support from Arts for Ohio. Mayor Patterson will get approval from Family Dollar for a mural on their wall.

There are three days to allow for weather, but people can work inside Athens Makerspace or possibly Central Venue. The students very that they can implement on a short timeline, and have done so in the past. As far as painting in cold weather:

they could at least have outline and community members could paint it over time. Who will take care of it in the future? Makerspace or city? Will there be a coating on wall? Decommissioning process? It may not need it, because it's not commissioned work. Do we need to go to Council? No. We should write a document to give to people who approach AMAC for a project. An agreement, just for record keeping purposes. Chelsa and Mayor Patterson will work on this document.

These students are going to carry out this project and fund it. They just want AMAC approval.

**MOTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL AND ENDORSE IMPLEMENTATION:
PASSED**

They will also be hosting Creative Mornings: breakfast for community one Friday per month. Will be here in ARTS/West and presenter will be Josh Antonuccio. Global theme is assigned: "Surreal." Press release will be out next week. Event is Jan. 25th at 8am on a Friday.

B. Maggie Prest - Athens Community Art Hub

Website proposition: Athens Community Art Hub for Athens City and possibly Nelsonville. An online body of info of resources and opportunities. Helps archive history, makes info accessible, brings in tourism, encourages brainstorming. Regular citizens and tourists can participate. As designer, Maggie will get help from Mark Franz and Sam Dodd in OU College of Fine Arts. First meeting is Jan. 18th at Arts West 2-5pm in the performance space, puts together different people to talk about problems and solutions. Survey open for 2-3 weeks to public. Maggie will be doing behind the scenes work to design the website. Maggie will also design a book to document results. After completion, she is hoping that this will reside with a local community organization with only occasional website maintenance from then on. She will be using webflow, but the community will hopefully be able to edit as well. She has an online portfolio on maggieprestdesign.webflow.io (still under construction). AMAC recommends she get in touch with Chris Chmiel, county commissioner. Will be getting in touch with Boone Troyer at ACCVB. AMAC will talk next month about this. Josh will invite Maggie to a meeting with local folks interested in creating a database of local artists, arts organizations, and art projects.

IV. Arts Corridor Report - Carol Patterson

Rebekah Griesmyer came to town and spent four hours looking at Athens art works and locations. She and her brother-in law are trying to create the largest art map of little city connections anywhere, as kind of a tourist map. She seemed interested in a lot of our art projects and potential sites for sculptures.

V. Ongoing Projects

A. Waste Water Treatment Plant Mural - Beth Braun (Out of area artist policies)

AMAC put out the RFP and got three submissions from other places, six submissions total. AMAC should have a policy about artists from other places. RFP said it had to be hand delivered before the deadline. However, if we extend, should we add digital submissions to the RFP moving on? Maybe we need to come up with a scoring system? Maybe we give a weight to local artists, but still allow other artists. It should all be public record. This RFP did not state that it had to be local artists. We will expand the entry period until March.

MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO MARCH 1ST AND AMEND RFP SO DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED NOW AND IN THE FUTURE: **PASSED**

B. Music Festival - Scott Winland and Kelly Lawrence

Scott met with folks at Hocking College to get their support. Also, his Hocking program is looking at purchasing a stage, and in the future that could be part of Hocking's in-kind donation. They sound excited about being involved and giving students opportunity. Talking about August 16th, 2019 date and Kelly and Scott will meet with Ron Lucas about how to streamline process. Should festival be its own 501(c)3 to get its own donations? Stage placement seemed to work nicely. AMAC should have its own table and tent to give to people. Will have to work out table and chair situation too so that setup and takedown is easier.

C. Annual Report - Josh Birnbaum

It was suggested to add a page of commissioners and mission statement. Also add "The" to "sunshine law." Josh will send to Terri Moore first and with approval send out to Patty Witmer. Scott will send Josh images from the Arts Festival to add before final submission.

D. Bench project continuation - Emily Beveridge

City would like to take the lead on receiving funding from private donors for ongoing bench project. Mayor is very interested in this proposal. Designate three zones: bike path, public areas, uptown. Donors would get name recognition. About \$5,000 per bench. What is AMAC's role going to be in all this? Should we solicit artists rather than issuing RFP? Should an artist take a pre-fabricated bench or create their own? Terri Moore is taking charge of this. Are aiming to start in 2020, finish in 2030 and have 30 benches.

E. Sculpture Park update

The city work is looking good.

VI. Announcements and other business

Was Stimson Ave. mural coated? Whitewashed before it was painted? This is an issue that needs to be brought up with Andy Stone, the City Safety Service Director.

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting - February 13, 2019 at ARTS/West, 5:30-7:00pm