

AMAC Meeting MINUTES for March 9, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM

Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In attendance: Jeff Risner, Holly Ittel, Kelly Lawrence, Chelsa Morahan, Beth Braun, Steve Patterson
Guests: Emily Beveridge, Katherine Ann Jordan, Andrew Chiki

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

- Mayor Patterson has been communicating with Scott Winland about the Athens Arts and Music Festival and plans to request that the City Council appropriate \$10,000 from the Athens Enhancement Fund to support the Festival and truly make it a City event.
- City will build a new restroom facility near West State Street ballfields - there is a possibility of incorporating art in some way. Katherine Ann suggested the possibility of replicating the format used for the Community Center Garage mural so that it is ultimately movable. Emily said that there are also some thoughts around adding the Moonville Print graphics to the shelter houses.

II. Minutes from February 9, 2022 for approval: Josh Birnbaum

Motion to accept: Jeff Risner; Second: Kelly Lawrence; **PASSED**

III. Arts West / Arts of APRD Update: Emily Beveridge

Moonville Printshop exhibit coming down

Arts West will produce "Fun Home" the first 2 weekends in June; Directed by Dayton Willison

Lost Flamingos will have 4 play productions, Tantrum, and OVST will also have productions at Arts West (18 total)

OVST will produce Seussical, Jr. at the end of June

Prints, Plants and Pots sale in April for OU Mom's Weekend

Tantrum after school shows will take place at the end of March

Carter Rice is joining AW as a program coordinator

Katherine Ann reports that Arts West is getting a new roof!
Registration software is being replaced and will allow for ticketing at Arts West.

Andrew Chiki reports that the fiber technology project is moving forward. RFP is going out soon. Arts West is Phase 1 (of 5)

March 22nd - Grammy Award winning Jewish Bluegrass group will perform "Andy Statman"

IV. Ongoing Public Projects:

a. Art Outside the Box - Round 4: Holly Ittel & Kelee Riesbeck

- Social media post and press release went out.
- A couple of simple questions have come in to Holly
- RFPs due April 1 and will be collected at Arts West
- Holly will set jury date

b. Athens Community Center Mural: Beth Braun & Kelee Riesbeck

- Chelsa reports that Beacon School would like to be included in future collaborative murals as they felt excluded

c. Possible future projects

i. Blue Eagle Bench - aka JD Memorial

- There may be something going on at the Athens Historical Society building

ii. 6th Floor Parking Garage mural / green space

- Chiki reports that funds were appropriated to increase security. Cameras are now operable (and recording) on the first floor. 6th floor still in progress and will be operable soon.

d. Arts Builds Business Builds Arts (ABBBA) with the AIR Institute: Chelsa Morahan

- Chelsa has fliers for distribution
- 2-hour workshop with intro into the concept of ABBBA on March 29 from 5-7pm
- Still not sure if it will be live or Zoom (will be decided soon)

V. Ongoing Commission Business:

a. Ohio Arts Council Governor's Arts Awards 2021 update: Chelsa Morahan

- Chelsa spoke with Katie Monahan from OAC who said that the application was extremely strong and we should continue to apply
- Awards event is May 11th at Columbus Athenium - Chelsea will probably attend

b. Athens Community Arts & Music Festival

- No additional updates beyond what Mayor said above
- August 13th - Mark your calendars!

c. 20th AMAC Celebration + Third Thursdays Musical Parks

- Third Thursdays update - Chelsa and Katherine Ann have been meeting with the intern regularly
- Will NOT have event in August since Festival will happen right before
- Music genre is "local"

- Looking for band recommendations
- Plans coming together for a poem reading to take place prior to the musical events

- Chelsa has very rough draft of budget to support all events around the 20th year celebration

VI. Commission Action Items:

- a. Social Media Form: Holly Ittel

VII. Announcements and other business

- Wendy McVicker will join us next month
- Dairy Barn opening 3.19. for children's interactive

VIII. Adjourned at 7:06pm Motioned by Holly Ittel; Seconded by Jeff Risner

Next Meeting: April 13, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West