

AMAC Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM

Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Call to order at 5:34pm

In Attendance: Kelee Reisbeck, Chelsea Morohan, Emily Beveridge, Andrew Chicky, Beth Braun, Jeff Risner, Katherine Ann Jordan

- I. Call to Order and legislative updates: Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner
 - Renovations at City Hall in anticipation of the 150th anniversary of the building including conference room to have a table made from an oak tree that was removed from the front of East Elementary, foyer, installation of Hebe, and others; reinstall the bell in the cupola; exterior tucking, etc.; display area(s) in City Hall

- II. Minutes from July 13, 2022 for approval: **PASSED**

- III. Arts West / Arts of APRD Update: Emily Beveridge & Katherine Ann Jordan
 - Community Arts and Music Festival table; After-School arts programming is returning and registration is going out now; AMS Drama Club will rehearse and present at Arts/West this fall; Farmers Market table; Skate Jam table; NMF providing programming; discussions have begun about partnership with OU Theater; discussions also occurring around further renovations at Arts/West (including addressing ADA items); grants awarded recently: ATCO Legacy Grant, OAC Sustainability Grant, OAC Disability Grant
 - Chelsea sent AMAC minutes to the Rec Advisory Board

- IV. Ongoing Public Projects:
 - a. Art Outside the Box - Round 4:
 - Designs have been approved for latest round, funding has been approved by Council
 - Relatedly, Andrew has been working on a “map” of the traffic boxes to match the artist and designs with the actual locations

 - b. Poet Laureate 2023: Chelsea Morahan
 - Call has gone out for applications for Poet Laureate (deadline is October 7th) through City channels (press release). There was a small write up in ANews

- Timeline discussion; decision and notification (to all applicants) by December 5th and this will allow time for presentation to City Council so that the position begins on January 1.

V. Ongoing Commission Business:

a. Athens Community Arts & Music Festival

- Kelee reports that everything seems to be in place and ready for Saturday, August 13
- There will be an ASL team that will provide interpreting for all outdoor events. This is funded by a grant awarded to the City from NOPEC

b. New Commissioners Needed

- Discussing potential members

c. Governor's Arts Awards (Self) Nomination

- Letter was edited/tweaked via email; letters of support were updated by each of those individuals

VI. Commission Action Items:

a. Google Account for Commissioners

- Invitations went out to all commissioners

b. Slate for Officers Discussion

- Kelee Reisbeck and Holly Ittel
- Need Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary

VII. Announcements and other business

VIII. Adjourned 6:59pm

Next Meeting: September 14, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West