

AMAC Minutes for Aug 9, 2017. 5:30-7:00. ARTS/West

In attendance: *Kelly Lawrence, Andrew Chiki, Emily Beveridge, Carol Patterson, Josh Birnbaum, Scott Winland, Kent Butler*

I. Call to Order and legislative update

Kent mentioned that Kelly was approved unanimously to AMAC

II. Minutes from July 12, 2017

Approved

III. Continuing Business

A. Art Flier - Josh

A link for the Essence of Athens must be updated. Discussed printing an initial run of 50 brochures for \$35 from Minuteman Press. We can always print more later after some feedback. First, the brochure has to go through the code office, and then after about a year we should get feedback from them on how it works. It can be used to answer questions, given to contractors when starting project. A vote to accept the brochure and move on to council was passed. Josh will forward the draft to Kent.

B. Current RFP for Stimson Mural

Reviewed. Change to \$3000 stipend is good, and dimensions are helpful. Next step is put it out. What deadline? Sept. 1st too early. Push back to second week in September (one week later). We decided there was danger in making the entry period too long. The project has to be complete before the end of the year. Could get art students in first weeks of September. Will have to actively push it to art students and faculty. No contact info on RFP yet though. Use ARTS/West info. Web address will be updated when it's ready to be uploaded.

C. Outside the box choices

Selections sent in two rounds, with alternates. Carol met with Paula and said that it didn't need a vote of council but will be presented at a committee meeting next Monday. Artists will be notified the next day with announcement in the newspaper, then Carol will send out an email notifying winners and will send out hard copy of informational packet. Kelly Lawrence (juror) will discuss the selection process (no names included during selection, no one artist selected for more than one piece, variety included, Athens connection).

V. Report

A. Water Plant Mural

In progress.

B. Sculpture possibilities – Carol

Carol met with Steve and they called a sculptor that had contacted them. Wanted to talk about renting or selling sculptures to cities. Talked about the possibilities of a deal. Different ways it could be done. Seemed expensive and seemed out of procedure (dealing directly with artist). If brings higher end art into the city, it's worth consideration. Next month the Mayor will bring it to AMAC. Sculptor not from Athens. He does stone abstract sculpture. It could be one grouping or one sculpture prominent in the city. In what cases might we buy art rather than go through RFP process? Does it set a precedent? Should read language about purchasing of artwork. Could we commission an artist? This is part of making Athens a more artistic city. Could make a Mayor's art show, like Governor's art show.

C. Summer Activities - Scott and Kelly

Working on an event on top of parking garage for 2018, maybe a week's worth of arts fests. Line up with community music fest, perhaps art walk, coordinate with ACCVB. Could be last hurrah for summer as well as Athens alumni reunion to come back to enjoy arts spirit of town. More of an Arts Reunion so not a University event at the end of summer. Gallery walks, window space donated, to connect artists and businesses. Local arts organizations could be included. What can we do to make Athens fun and unique that few other communities are doing? Two local DJs and Power 105 are probably interested in similar ideas. Power 105 could sponsor and partner and the Messenger has been doing more events; Andrea Lewis could be helpful. Next steps: come up with concept, plan and cost associated, then sit down with Mayor and figure out where would money come from. Would generate some revenue as well for city.

VI. Announcements

August 19th, 2017 - Athens Community Music Festival happening!

Pool Update - Andrew - Renegotiating contract. Discussion regarding art with new construction will happen soon. One of those items was a decorative gate which was going toward the percent for art, but it had to be cut to bring down budget. Need to figure out how to incorporate art. Probably January discussions will happen.

ARTS/West Renovation in process - Andrew.

Andrew - City will be having people write memories and best wishes on walls of pool building for scrapbook, Aug 25th, 3pm-9pm, free and open to the public.

Emily - Jolena Hansbarger is interested in public mural project in the area. Emily would like murals to be public painting opportunities associated with ARTS/West. If they were to do this, because ARTS/West is a city entity, is it limited to public property? Discussion of public/private opportunities and funding (OAC, AMAC).

Andrew and Emily will discuss details.

VII. Adjournment

Sept Meeting: Sept. 9, 5:30