

AMAC Agenda, November 8, 2017. 5:30 – 7:00. ARTS/West

*In attendance:* Paul Logue, Josh Birnbaum, Carol Patterson, Beth Braun, Chelsa Morahan, Scott Winland, Andrew Chiki, Terri Moore

*I. Call to order and legislative update*

Kent Butler/Steve Patterson not present

*II. Minutes from October meeting sent via Email*

Second alternate was Ellen Hadley. Josh will correct. Who is updating the minutes online? Andrew will advise. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ONCE REVISED - PASSED**

*III. Continuing business*

*A. Stimson Ave Mural*

Met with 3 jurors to look at 6 proposals. Unanimous decision winner was Keith Wilde with his piece, *Returning*. He has had a couple of city-sponsored art projects before. **MOTION TO ACCEPT KEITH'S DESIGN - PASSED**. Next step is City Council approval before the end of the year. One side note: we can keep track of entrants as potential jurors for future projects.

*B. Summer Activities*

Kelly and Scott have met. Will put together a committee to make decisions about street music and arts festival type event. Still working on event so that it doesn't overlap with other summer events.

*C. % for ART fliers*

Josh will send soon to Tonya Baker and Mayor Patterson. Josh will clarify who will be sending to Minuteman Press for printing.

#### *D. Sculpture Park(s)*

Looking at having several locations around the city. Perhaps four locations? What places might work well to you? Think about this for next meeting.

#### *E. Poet Laureate*

Time for an RFP. Made some minor changes in it. Read and see if there's anything we should change, add, or subtract. Is there a rule that forbids applicants who have close ties to the City or AMAC? We have limited nepotism in the past. We would like to get this out in the next week and make the deadline Dec. 15th/20th. The poet will design their own program. We are adding a formal presentation from the finalist before decision is made. They do sign a contract before beginning tenure.

### *IV. Planning process: Paul Logue and Terri Moore attending*

#### *Motivation*

Do we want to have an internal process as a committee, or do we want more community engagement? We need a long-term plan going forward. Why should we have a focus on arts (economic development, diversity, quality of life, tourism, community pride)? We want them to say, what a cool town!

#### *Comprehensive plan update*

Done almost entirely in-house. Lots of community input and advisory committee will help shape. Started in late September, 75-80 people showed up to start the discussion. Online version of

survey available. What are the key themes we need to talk about? Art (arts and culture) has come up multiple times and we will focus on it. New themes include sustainability, accessibility, equity, technology changes. Will shift from visioning to planning in December. What does that mean if we want to be an arts community? We have the Essence of Athens, so how do we want to deploy arts in our community, more events, more public art? Will work with all neighborhoods and corridors with each theme. Will be stitched together in a plan that covers the whole city. Public work done by May hopefully, and draft plan could potentially be brought to City Council at the end of 2018. Once done, we can work with City Council and commissions towards implementation. Last plan was done in 2000, so it's time for refreshing. Will be looking at short, medium, and long-range goals. Paul feels that many of the tasks in the 2000 plan, "Vision 2020," were completed. Priorities were made and that helped the most. AMAC can be a major part of this plan.

People mentioned how unique Athens is as a city. Are there other ways we can interact with public art critically? Interactive? What have other cities done? Essence of Athens was brought up. More public art was a general theme. Benches in parks, rotation installation, sculptures in parks, first Friday art walk, art park for outdoor artist workspace? Should there be an arts corridor, at the Armory for example, modeled after the one in Columbus?

Every individual can give thought to our own individual discipline. Create scenarios around what you would like to see happen.

#### V. *Update bench support*

AMAC does not finance things — it receives and makes recommendations to City Council. Generally, the commission remains neutral on art (from Ordinance on the 1% allocation...document creating AMAC is more general). We're

taking out language as discussed in last meeting (see minutes) and confirming with mayor.

*VI. Announcements and other business*

*A. Mural at wastewater treatment plant*

When will it be finished? Artist has been meeting with Carol and the Mayor to finish up the project. Paula is overseeing.

*B. Photography event*

Josh Birnbaum will be speaking about his documentary photography on Nov. 15th at 7pm at Schoonover 145 on OU campus.

*VII. Adjournment*

Next meeting Dec. 13th.