

AMAC Meeting MINUTES for May 11, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM

Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In attendance: Jeff Risner, Andrew Chiki, Holly Ittel, Kelee Riesbeck, Chelsa Morahan, Emily Beveridge, Beth Braun

- I. **Call to Order and legislative updates:** Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner
Jeff reminded us of the Percent for Art available for the fire station; we will send an email to the Mayor, Andy Stone, Paul Logue regarding the ordinance;

Andrew informed us that some City officials are participating in coaching for the intersection of racial and environmental equity - yay. That group is talking about making more formalized process for informing the public of openings on various commission. Also discussion of reinstating Boards and Commissions onboarding. Also thinking about this intersectionality and the impact on arts selections.

- II. **Minutes from April 13, 2022 for approval:** - correct spelling of Kelee Reisbeck's name in all spots on the minutes; Minutes approved with corrections

- III. **Arts West / Arts of APRD Update:** Emily Beveridge
 - First Arts/West play production underway - "Fun Home" (rehearsals happening at Community Center as this building is being used for OVST junior production)
 - Talking about a second show in Winter - "Spamalot" partnership with Hocking College and hopefully OU student group
 - New PassionWorks show in building
 - Pride Art Show in June
 - Crafternoon classes planned for summer and afterschool programming at Community Center in fall

IV. Ongoing Public Projects:

- a. **Art Outside the Box - Round 4:** Holly Ittel
Jury date at end of May (date being finalized among jurors)
- b. **Possible future projects** - SKIP
 - i. 6th Floor Parking Garage mural / green space
- c. **Governor's Arts Awards Luncheon Report**
Holly Ittel, Kelee Riesbeck, and Chelsa Morahan attended. It was lovely and there was a diverse representation of winners. It was announced that ArtsImpact Ohio 2022 will happen in person in Akron in October. Discussion of someone from AMAC possibly attending.

V. Ongoing Commission Business:

- a. Athens Community Arts & Music Festival
 - Andrew is meeting with Scott on May 16th to discuss. Event to take place on August 13th. (Athena Cinema has an event happening the day before and Andrew is working through some logistics).
 - Kelee reports that Scott has pretty much everything well in hand and plans in place for everything.
- b. **20th AMAC Celebration + Third Thursdays Musical Parks**
 - The first, "Third Thursday" is happening next week (5/19) at the pool. Wendy McVicker will present poems, Boys of Hock is headliner, Food Trucks will be present, Luke Boyd is making cupcakes for the event.
 - Posters have gone up and Athens News has reached out. It's on City of Athens social media outlets. AMAC commissioners are asked to attend as many as possible (5/19, 6/16, 7/21).
 - AMAC art installation (to celebrate 20th anniversary) will go up at the Community Center June 8 and come down on August 27. This is a compilation of photographs of various art installations/history/historical documents that AMAC has fostered through the years.

VI. Commission Action Items:

- a. Social Media Form: Holly Ittel SKIP

VII. Announcements and other business

Uptown Art Hop - 2nd Sunday of each month sponsored by 8 North Court Collective?

VIII. Adjourn - 7:04pm; Kelee Riesbeck and Beth Braun seconded

Next Meeting: June 8, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West