

CITY OF KENNEWICK
ARTS COMMISSION

January 8, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

6:02pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Chair McKenzie Kennedy
Commission Vice Chair Richard Reuther
Commissioner Jason Watson
Commissioner Jessie Southard
Commissioner Austin Wingle
Commissioner Bethany Lee
Commissioner Warren Hughs

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Reuther moved to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Watson seconded. All in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Reuther moved to approve the minutes with changes to the roll call stating Commission Southard's absence; Commissioner Southard seconded. All in favor.

a. Past Meeting Minutes

5. VISITORS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Welcome New Commissioner

The Arts Commission did round table introductions and reviewed the 2025 Welcome Packet covering attendance policy and discussions about a potential retreat in the future. There will be another recruitment cycle for expiring commissioners (3) prior to their terms expiring.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was discussion about restructuring the opportunity zones which in previous commissions were assigned to commissioners as a way to maintain visibility on art throughout the city.
- Commissioner Warren Hughs inquired about the Fish Sculptures that used to be placed on Canal Drive. The Port of Kennewick was interested in placing these sculptures at Vista Field, but no plans have been finalized.
- Staff made an update on PUD Box Wrap by Keewaydin Library. Due to weather/previous paint, the wrap had a hard time adhering to the box. Mustang signs is still working on a solution. For the remaining Traffic Box Wraps, "Robot" has been finalized, and "Faces" is still waiting on final approval from the artist. The Carousel is still interested in using the "Carousel" wrap on their PUD Box located at the Southridge Sports Complex and will be paying for this out of their budget.

8. BUDGET UPDATE

The Arts Commission budget was finalized for the 2025/2026 Biennium for \$12,500. This a 5% increase from the previous biennial budget. Staff is still reconciling 2024 budget, however, there will be about \$3000 left that has the potential to roll over to this year. The Commission still has about \$1200 at 3 Rivers Community Foundation, from a previous initiative. The commissioners discussed using this money for Art Maintenance.

Commissioner Hughs asked about potential fundraising and grant opportunities. This commission does have the ability to fundraise and seek state/federal grants.

9. CONCLUSION

Meeting concluded at 6:39pm.