

CITY OF KENNEWICK
ARTS COMMISSION

May 14, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

6:05PM

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Chair McKenzie Kennedy
Commissioner Jason Watson
Commissioner Jessy Southard
Commissioner Austin Wingle
Commissioner Marguerite Finch

EXCUSED:

Warren Hughs

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Chair moved to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Southard seconded. All in Favor

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kennedy moved to approve the minutes presented; Commissioner Watson seconded; All in favor.

a. Past Meeting Minutes

5. VISITORS

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Commissioner Introduction

New welcome commissioner Marguerite Finch was present and shared her biography. She received her BFA in sculpture at the University of Wisconsin and her MFA from Washington State University. She currently teaches at local Washington State University Tri-Cities and Columbia Basin College.

b. Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of Kennewick's Planning Department is currently working on an update to the Comprehensive Plan, which guides land use and development policies across the city. As part of this effort, they have invited the Arts Commission to participate in a Zoom meeting to discuss the future of community art in Kennewick.

We encourage each of you to start thinking about topics and ideas that matter to you—anything you believe should be reflected in the city's long-term vision for arts and culture. Please come prepared with your talking points so we can have a meaningful and productive conversation during the meeting. A community survey will also be shared soon, and we strongly encourage all commissioners to complete it and provide thoughtful input.

Since we'll be reviewing art submissions in June, we're proposing to schedule this Zoom meeting for our July meeting to ensure everyone has adequate time to prepare.

c. June Meeting Date Change

The June meeting will be rescheduled to one week later due to Rohana's unavailability. The new meeting date is **Tuesday, June 17th**. Rohana will coordinate with Krystal regarding the proper procedure for sending out the meeting notice. During this meeting, we will be reviewing art submissions.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Art Repair Update
none

8. BUDGET UPDATE

A budget adjustment was requested and should be finalized by the end of June. As of now, the account balance stands at \$5,731.62.

We are currently awaiting the official approval letter from STCU regarding funding for the utility box art project. Rohana has been in contact with STCU, and they have verbally confirmed their intent to fund four utility box wraps. The formal approval letter is expected to arrive shortly.

9. CONCLUSION

Meeting concluded at 6:21PM