

CITY OF KENNEWICK
ARTS COMMISSION

July 9, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Chair McKenzie Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:011PM.

2. ROLL CALL

RESENT:

Commissioner Warren Hughs
Commissioner Jason Watson
Commissioner Austin Winkle
Commissioner Chair McKenzie Kennedy

ABSENT:

Marquirite Finch
Jesse Southard

STAFF LIASON:

Rohana Carmichael
Jocelyn Giles

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hughs moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Wingle seconded.
All in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jason Watson's name needs to be fixed.

Commissioner Hughs moved to approve the minutes with amendment of Watson's
name to be corrected; Commissioner Wingle seconded. All in favor.

a. Past Meeting Minutes

Jasion Watson's name needs correct spelling

Hughs moved to approve the amended minutes and Austin Wingle seconded; all in
favor.

5. VISITORS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Art Placement - Nick Farline, Parks and Recreation Director

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Nick Farline presented a potential spot for the Stainless Steel Fishes that have been in storage for years now. He shared that he surveyed Columbia Park to find a low-traffic, high visibility spot to house the fish. Some issues with the fish are as follows:

- 1) They are not to be sat on. If placed in a spot with high traffic, children could be hurt if they try to sit on the fish.
- 2) They may or may not stand up perfectly when placed on the ground. The Parks and Rec staff plan to experiment with a light/smaller fish to find the correct way to place fish to be sturdy and last.
- 3) The fish were previously hit by cars. We want them placed somewhere with slow driving traffic to reduce the risk of damage.

The Arts Commissioners discussed and asked the following questions to make their decision.

- 1) Rohana has informed the commissioners that the steel posts have had to be replaced before due to previously being hits by cars.
- 2) Kennedy asked if there are enough fish to fill the round-about.
- 3) Hughs weighed in that if the fish should be divided by size by taking a 9in, 7in, and 5in, divided and scattered where traffic could see best on the three sides, where traffic enters the round about. He believes that there should be extra fish which could be placed near the tree for cohesiveness.

Hughs moved to approve the proposal of the steel fish in round about. Watson seconded; all in favor.

b. Traffic Box Location Selection

Flower Box - 10th & Edison

Buzy Box- Clearwater and Union

The Herritage Box - 4th and Vancoover

Orchard Children - 10th and Vancoover

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. BUDGET UPDATE

The finance department did not put through the budget adjustment (note: needs to be pushed through again in September)

9. CONCLUSION

Meeting concluded at 7:15 PM

