

CITY OF KENNEWICK
ARTS COMMISSION

April 10, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. Roll Call

a. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Commission Chair McKenzie Kennedy
Commission Vice Chair Richard Reuther
Commissioner Jason Watson
Commissioner Bethany Lee
Commissioner Jessy Sothard (Strohmeyer)
Commissioner Austin Wingle (*Welcome!*)

ABSENT:

Commissioner Stephanie Brock

Staff Liaisons:

Rohana Carmichael, Economic Development Manager
Dana Dollarhyde, Lead Communications Specialist/Executive Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Review and Approval of the January 10, 2024 Minutes.

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

5. VISITORS

- a. Stephanie Button, Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership, Executive Director HDKP Executive Director, Stephanie Button, presented to the Arts Commission on Sponsorship Packages available for the Historic Downtown and SOCO Creative

District. Stephanie suggested the Arts & Heritage Track which helps support SOCO Creative Arts Festival (September 21), Art on Auburn, First Thursdays Art Walk, and Artists Alley.

More information on the sponsorship opportunities can be found on the HDKP website: [Sponsorship Opportunities — Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership \(historickennewick.org\)](https://historickennewick.org)

Staff Liaisons will send more information to the commission before the next meeting for more discussion.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. 2024 Traffic Box Locations

The commission has funding for 4 new boxes this year. The suggested locations by the commission are:

1. Canal/Kellog
2. 10th/Garfield
3. 10th/Olympia
4. Vancouver/Kennewick Ave

Potential Future Location: Columbia Center/Deschutes

There was some discussion by the commission about choosing the art prior to finalizing the locations.

b. Energize the Arts Awards Nominations

The Commission has decided to present their Energize the Arts Awards during the HDKP Awards Banquet on July 10th at the Public Market for the years of 2020-2023. Staff Liaisons will be sending over the list of categories and previous nominations to the commissioners. Commissioners will be sending over nominations prior to the May meeting. The Commissioner responsible for the nomination will be in charge of gathering a brief bio/description of the winner for presenting at the awards celebration.

Categories include Performing Arts, Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Heritage Arts and Partnership Arts awards. There were a lot of suggestions from the commission including STCU (Partnership), Milton Meltin Butterfly (Visual), Vibe (Performing), Art Foundation of Mid Columbia (Visual), Katie Small, and David Vasquez.

The commission will be choosing the finalists in May in order to make a purchase with Knight's Welding for the awards.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Energize the Arts Awards Celebration

Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is holding their annual awards banquet on Jul 10th and has extended the invitation to the Arts Commission to present their Energize the Arts Awards. There will also be some presence at this event for the SOCO Creative Arts District. The commission thought this would be a good venue to present the awards and all were in favor.

- b. Traffic Box Art Replacement - N. Columbia Center Blvd. and W. Grandridge Blvd. The art wrap on the traffic box located on N. Columbia Center Blvd. and W. Grandridge Blvd needs to be replaced. Staff Liaisons received a quote from Mustang Signs for this replacement and the commissioners reviewed.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to replace the traffic box art as quoted. Commissioner Sothard seconded. All in favor.

8. Budget Update

The Arts Commission available budget is \$7,212.13

9. ADJOURNMENT:

No comments.