



Kennewick Arts Commission Minutes

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 6:00 pm
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:08p.

2. Roll Call

Present:

*Commissioner Melanie Blatman
Commissioner Dee Boyle
Commissioner McKenzie Kennedy
Commissioner James Perez
Commissioner Tina Phillips*

Excused:

Commissioner Doug Gast

Absent:

Chair Jason Watson

Staff:

*Rohana Carmichael, Staff Liaison
Miles Thomas, Recorder*

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kennedy motioned to accept the meeting minutes; Commissioner Blatman seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Approval of August 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kennedy motioned to accept the meeting minutes; Commissioner Blatman seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Visitors

Nick Tsoukalas, Artist representing a proposed art installation on the base on the flag pole at Flag Plaza in Downtown Kennewick.

Trevor Macduff, Hanford Reach Solar System Project

Ann Steiger, Roxy Theatre Antiques and 1st Thursday Kennewick

6. Unfinished Business

a. Energize the Art Award Design/Cost & Location Update

Rohana reported that Commissioner Gast is out of town this week, and wasn't able to provide an update on the design/cost.

b. Energize the Arts Winners

Rohana Carmichael reviewed the list of award winners for 2018, and gave a recap of the program for the benefit of the new commissioners.

Commissioner Boyle reported that she had an idea about the place to give out the awards, and that she had been in conversation with the Washington State Arts Commission about their annual awards. The Latino Heritage Mural won a state award, and they're hoping to do a live feed event during the actual event on November 19th, 2019. Dee also has ideas for sponsors and a venue for this event.

7. New Business

a. Commission Chair Nomination/Vote

Commissioner Blatman nominated Dee Boyle for Chair of the Commission; Commissioner Kennedy seconded the nomination. All in favor.

Commissioner Blatman nominated McKenzie Kennedy for Vice-Chair of the Commission; Chair Boyle seconded the motion. All in favor.

b. Silas Education-Solar System Project Review

Chair Boyle motioned to recommend to Council inclusion of the installations in Columbia Park; Commissioner Blatman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chair Boyle motioned to continue development on the Jupiter installation; Vice-Chair Kennedy seconded the motion. All in favor.

c. Flag Plaza Art Review

Vice-Chair Kennedy noted that she went past the area during Best of Summer Fest and noticed the lack of color in the area.

Chair Boyle suggested that we do a little bit more research in the application of the art to the surfaces, engage a call to artists for the project, and investigate cost and sponsorships for the installation here.

Nick suggested that we engage the Downtown and nearby Boys and Girls Club youth in the project.

d. Community Center Featured Art Gallery Review

MS. Carmichael gave an overview of the Featured Art Gallery Proposal to the Commission. The handout provided in the Commission packet provides additional information on how to apply to have their art featured, and additional details on the program.

Chair Boyle motioned to recommend the program to the City Council, Vice-Chair Kennedy seconded the motion. All in favor.

e. Budget Update

Ms. Carmichael gave an update on the budget.

8. Comments

Vice-Chair Kennedy asked how the Call for Artists was going on the traffic box art installations, and Ms. Carmichael and Commissioner Blatman reported that we had one submission so far. The call goes until October though, and there is still plenty of time to submit.

Chair Boyle noted that she was contacted by the Tri-City Americans for their annual art night, and they selected Heidi Elkington to do a live art mural.

Ms. Carmichael noted for the new Commissioners' information about the art zones; Chair Boyle volunteered to take on the Southridge zone as well considering she is now working in that area.

9. Adjournment

Chair Boyle adjourned the meeting at 7:19p.