



Kennewick Arts Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 6:00 pm
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Roll Call

Present:

Chair Dee Boyle

Vice Chair McKenzie Kennedy

Commissioner Doug Gast

Commissioner James Perez

Commissioner Jason Watson

Excused:

Commissioner Tina Phillips

Commissioner Melanie Blatman

Absent:

Staff:

Rohana Carmichael, Staff Liaison

Terry Walsh, Recorder

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of September 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Visitors

Pat Fleming: Mr. Fleming discussed his career in teaching art and as a professional artist. He has four pieces of art in the Kennewick Community Center. He and Drew agreed to hang the art and hold the City harmless. He talked about the Richland Library art hanging and he asked the City of Pasco about rules to hang art and was told there is not any. Kennewick has never had a facility to hang art. He said they can no longer hang art in Cities of Richland or Pasco, including the City Hall. He said that art is a significant part of the community.

Rohana explained that there will be a council workshop in which we will seek consensus on a gallery wall in the community center. Mr. Fleming wanted to know why quarterly, we are rotating the art. The commission responded by letting him know that we have several projects underway and wanted to start quarterly and that guidelines will be made clear.

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

6. Unfinished Business

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

Chair Boyle was trying to coordinate with the Washington Arts commission to hold a local viewing of a presentation happening in Olympia. This was not coming together as planned. The commission would like to present the awards in November at a council meeting.

Commissioner Gast will order awards within a week or two. Chair Doyle moved and Commissioner Kennedy seconded approval of the art award design and purchase. Motion Carried.

b. Silas Education-Solar System Project Update

Silas Education Projects is building a scale model of the solar system. Rohana Carmichael will present concept to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Trevor McDuff and Dee Boyle will attend to explain the project and answer any questions.

It was suggested the placement of Jupiter will be placed along the path at Southridge.

c. Flag Plaza Art Addition Update

Chair Boyle researched the application and wear of paint on a concrete wall. Ms. Carmichael said the sunlight is direct on this site and facilities staff is concerned about the wear and fading. Commissioner Gast said even the community center tiles are fading.

Ms. Carmichael will meet with the boys and girls club to see if they have solutions. Mr. Tsoukalas submitted a list of products to be used for this type of application.

7. New Business

a. Creative Arts District

Commissioner Gast moved and Commissioner Watson seconded \$1,000 for in-kind donation toward the \$2,500 in contributions needed for the Creative District. All in favor.

Terry Walsh will send a list of organizations that Commissioners could ask for letters of recommendation from. The Commissioners will outreach to them and collect the support letters.

b. Roundabout Retrofit

Ms. Carmichael discussed the two roundabouts suggested by facilities staff. 4th and Kellogg and 27th and Vancouver are difficult for maintenance and have a high traffic volume. The Commission decided to start with the 4th and Kellogg roundabout as there is minimal landscaping left. Ms. Carmichael will get prices on landscaping removal from facilities department. Commissioner Gast will work on a call to artist.

c. 2020 Traffic Box Locations

STCU has identified 4 traffic boxes to pursue wrapping:

Clearwater and Steptoe

Clearwater and CCB

Columbia Center Blvd. and Deschutes

Columbia Center Blvd and Grandridge

We only have 3 submissions and the call ends November 1st. Ms. Carmichael asked the commission to continue outreach efforts throughout the community with the call to artists.

d. Budget Update

Ms. Carmichael stated there was about \$8,000 left in the account but we will be getting reimbursed from STCU contribution made in 2018.

8. Comments

Mr. Tsoukalas talked about flag plaza and gave the commission a handout regarding painting and preservation. He suggested one panel and see how it weathers.

9. Adjournment

Chair Boyle adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.