



*Meeting Minutes*

April 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Moran, at 6:07 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Linda Moran, Jason Watson, Jenna Higley, Candice Bluechel, Doug Gast, Paul Scharold  
**Excused:** Barb Carter, Linda Bauer  
**Staff Present:** Terry Walsh, Executive Director of Employee and Community Relations
3. **Visitor**  
Ms. Bluechel introduced Maria Marsh. She is visiting from England, a fellow Soroptimist, and will be visiting five different clubs in our area.
4. **Motion to approve the Agenda**  
Ms. Bluechel made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Higley, the motion was approved.
5. **Motion to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, meeting minutes and the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Retreat/Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
Mr. Scharold made a motion to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gast, the motion carried. Ms. Bluechel made a motion to approve the March 26 retreat meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Scharold, the motion passed.
6. New Business
  - a. Mike Salazar, Artist, donation of art  
Mr. Salazar is offering (via email) to donate a ‘bust’ of a prominent Kennewick individual who has passed away and to display the art at an appropriate location. Ms. Moran would like to explore his offer, to inquire if there are any terms associated with the donation, costs and/or additional commitment. Also, to ask if this is a free donation for the Arts Commission to decide the individual and to also determine what to do with the art donation. It’s also important to get this in writing.
7. Unfinished Business
  - a. Art Map  
Mr. Gast is working with Ms. Higley on a couple of design ideas. Ms. Bluechel will deliver copies of the art map to the Leadership Tri-Cities class next week, informing them that this is the first phase of the project. Mr. Watson will assist with photo shop changes. This is an on-going project. Discussion will continue at the May meeting.

b. Art Registry

Mr. Gast will contact City of Kennewick Economic Development Manager Emily Estes-Cross this week to discuss placing this on the website. This is tabled to the May meeting.

c. Port of Kennewick, Mural Art

The Port of Kennewick Mural Art project has been narrowed down to five finalists. Mr. Gast made a motion to donate funds to cover the costs of the artist proposals, \$250.00 times five, totaling \$1250.00, as a contribution to the Port of Kennewick Mural Art Project. Seconded by Ms. Higley, the motion passed. Mr. Scharold abstained. Ms. Walsh will inform the Port of Kennewick.

d. 2015 Energize the Arts Award

Mr. Gast made a motion to award Josh Peterson and the Boys & Girls Club the Heritage Award for 2015. Seconded by Ms. Higley, this was approved.

Due to the Heritage Award, the Boys & Girls Club 2015 nomination to the Performing Arts and Visual Arts, this nomination was removed.

Ms. Bluechel requested to move the 2015 Urban Poet Society nomination to 2016. This is a nomination into the Literary, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts Award. There are more interesting things happening with the Urban Poet Society in 2016, therefore nominating them in all three categories.

As for the design of the 2015 awards, Mr. Gast and Ms. Bluechel will investigate other options and report back next month.

Mr. Gast nominated Patricia Briggs in the Literary category. She has written the Mercy Thompson series, naming locations in downtown Kennewick. Many have traveled to Kennewick, visiting the community which has an economic impact. It is unclear if this is a 2015 or a 2016 nomination. **This will be tabled to the May meeting for clarification.**

e. 2016 Nominations

Mr. Gast nominated the Port of Kennewick for the 2016 Heritage award.

Ms. Bluechel nominated Urban Poet Society to the 2016 Literary, Performing Art, and Visual Arts.

f. Maintenance Art – McClelland quotes

Ms. Bluechel is meeting with Mr. McClelland this week to discuss the maintenance of the Synergy Art project.

g. Commissioner Chris Wagar, resignation

Mr. Wagar has resigned.

8. Budget Review

The balance is approximately, \$7,000, with \$1,000 allocated for the bus stop and \$1250 for the mural project; this reduces the balance to approximately \$4,750.

9. Comments

A few comments were made about the fish art on Canal Drive, to possibly repurpose them.

Ms. Walsh was informed this afternoon that the Consultants from the Wayfinding Project are asking for representatives from the Port of Kennewick and the Arts Commission, individuals involved with arts and culture. The meeting is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> or April 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bluechel stated she is available, however, if she is unable to attend, Mr. Gast will attend. Ms. Walsh will forward the date, time, and location of the meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Isa Quintanilla, Recorder

Arts Commission				
	2016	Month	Date	Time
	Wed	January	13	6:00 PM
	Wed	February	10	6:00 PM
	<del>Cancelled-Wed</del>	<del>March</del>	<del>9</del>	<del>6:00 PM</del>
<b>Retreat</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Wed	April	13	6:00 PM
	Wed	May	11	6:00 PM
	Wed	June	8	6:00 PM
	Wed	July	13	6:00 PM
	Wed	August	10	6:00 PM
	Wed	September	14	6:00 PM
	Wed	October	12	6:00 PM
	Wed	November	9	6:00 PM
	Wed	December	14	6:00 PM