



## Meeting Minutes

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Moran, at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Linda Moran, Jenna Higley, Candice Bluechel, Barb Carter, Paul Scharold, Doug Gast (arrived at 6:11pm), Linda Bauer (excused at 6:45pm)  
**Excused:** Jason Watson  
**Staff Present:** Terry Walsh, Executive Director of Employee and Community Relations  
Isa Quintanilla, Recorder
3. **Visitor**  
No Visitors
4. **Motion to approve the Agenda**  
Ms. Bauer made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Scharold, the motion was approved.
5. **Motion to approve the April 13, 2016, meeting**  
Ms. Bluechel made a motion to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Bauer, the motion carried.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Review of the website Art map  
The art map was taken down due to incorrect information describing art created by Artist David Mullins, titled Triumph over Harmony, located at Grandridge Blvd. After reviewing Mr. Mullins description of the original art and reviewing the final project, the description changed. Mr. Gast edited the description. Ms. Higley will make the changes then send a copy of the art map to the Commissioners for their feedback.
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Art Map  
This is an on-going project. There will be color changes, re-wording, and placement of pictures. Ms. Higley will send out a copy to Commissioners for their feedback.

Ms. Carter stated that the Port of Kennewick would like to put on their website when it is completed. From the Leadership Tri-Cities meeting, Ms. Bluechel commented that several class members commented how wonderful the art is in Kennewick and they like the art in the roundabouts while driving to and from work.

b. Art Registry

Mr. Gast will contact Emily Estes Cross, Economic Development Manager. This will be tabled to the June meeting.

c. 2015 Energize the Arts Award

At the December 17, 2014 meeting, Tri City Steel Drum Marimba Band was chosen for the 2015 Heritage award. Mistakenly, this was not updated and placed on the 2015 list. This year they will be celebrating 20 years. Ms. Bauer made a motion to award the 2015 Heritage Award to the Tri-City Steel Drum Marimba Band and award the 2016 Heritage Award to Josh Peterson, Boys and Girls Club. With a second from Ms. Carter, the motion carried.

Ms. Bauer elaborated about her nomination of the Rude Mechanics, (the new Shakespeare Company) in March, into the Performing Arts category 2015. They perform wherever they can. They have performed at the Reach and their members are from all over the Tri-Cities.

Ms. Moran asked what it would take to have them perform at the Columbia Park stage. It was suggested that this type of event can possibly be a fundraiser for to support the arts in Kennewick. Ms. Bauer will contact Rude Mechanicals to inquire if they would be interested in performing this summer in Columbia Park. Ms. Moran agreed to be the contact person.

Ms. Bluechel clarified that her nomination for the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers, Urban Poet Society, has two mailing addresses, one in Richland and one in Pasco. Performers are from everywhere. D. J. Willard wrote the poem titled Glass, was set to music by Reg Unterseher, and was performed by the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers.

As for the design of the 2015 awards, Mr. Gast and Ms. Bluechel will investigate other options. The 3-D art is not a viable option. They report back next month.

d. 2016 Energize the Arts Nominations

This list is not yet updated, continue to June meeting.

e. Maintenance - Art

Ms. Bluechel met up with Tom McClelland. He is declining to repair the maintenance on the Synergy art piece. He believes that this piece needs to be moved for the re-welding. His concern is that it is older and it may buckle. He also commented that his insurance will not cover this

project and his work place will not accommodate that art piece. He believes that the Artist Joseph Rastovich, who created the art piece, should be the one maintaining this art.

Mr. Rastovich had previously submitted a quote to maintain the art piece. Mr. Gast suggested to pay (\$1,760.25) to Artist J. Rastovich to repair the art. Ms. Moran stated that payment should be made upon inspection of the work, possibly in stages. After reviewing the KAC budget, it was determined that there is money available to begin this repair project. Mr. Gast made a motion that Mr. Rastovich repair the Synergy Art at the quoted price but it has to have two inspections completed for the 1) welds and for the 2) paint, before payment is made. Ms. Bluechel seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion carried. Mr. Gast also stated that KAC Commissioners inspect the work. **Ms. Carter made an amendment to the motion;** to make certain that we enter into an official contract that outlines everything about the welds, to include in the language of the contract, exactly what work will be completed, smooth and aesthetically pleasing, and structurally sound, to the satisfaction to the Kennewick Arts Commissioners. Seconded by Ms. Higley, the motion carried.

Mr. McClelland spoke to Ms. Bluechel that he has art displayed in Wenatchee (business windows). He offered the idea to KAC, to look at businesses who will dedicate space in their front windows, allowing artists to display their work, possibly rotating a series of art. He also commented that he would be happy to mentor up and coming artists who may be granted future art projects by the City. He would also request to be paid a percentage of the contract.

Ms. Bluechel made a motion to set aside with each of our art pieces 5% for its maintenance. With a second by Ms. Higley, the motion carried. Ms. Moran explained that this is for future art, art maintenance. KAC will reserve 5% from the total budget given by the City for each art project. Ms. Walsh explained that for each procurement, KAC will maintain 5% for future maintenance before going out with a call for artists. She also stated that a capital maintenance account will be created which will carry over yearly.

## 8. Comments

Ms. Moran commented that while approaching the round-about closer to the Toyota Center she visualized and believes that it would be amazing if KAC considers the art created by Artist J. Rastovich to utilize his art in round-abouts where KAC will partner with the City. His art piece included kinetic pieces, stretched out fantasy figures and a very theatrical colorful theme. Ms. Moran suggests addressing this next year,

Ms. Moran attended the Kennewick Council Workshop; the City Council has nothing but supportive words for what KAC is doing. They are excited about the map and the folder for the developers. She asked Council to let their constituents know that this isn't spending money, it is saving money and we need community wide support.

A fellow from the Mid-Columbia Library told Ms. Bluechel that the City of Kennewick has a prime city building that could have a mural on it.

As for the grass art titled Blowing in the Wind, created by Artist C.J. Rench, Ms. Carter commented that his art will be put in the round-about next week. KAC is interested in a ribbon cutting ceremony. It was suggested to set this up early June, on a Monday, possibly 11:00 a.m. and invite the media. Ms. Walsh will forward copies of the grass art and description to Ms. Higley.

The Port of Kennewick Mural Committee will be placing a conference call with the top five artists who submitted proposals. This will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup>. KAC will be involved in the final selection. The Committee reviewing will separately look at the five proposals. They will then attend a KAC meeting. KAC will have their discussion and send their recommendations to the Committee.

Ms. Carter informed the Port of Kennewick that the KAC have set aside \$1250.00 to help with the Mural Project. They were so excited to learn that.

There is approximately \$3,500 balance in the KAC budget. After paying out/setting aside funds for the following:

- \$1,000 allocated to the bus shelter
- \$1,250 for the mural project
- \$1,000 for Energize the Arts Awards
- \$1,000 art brochures
- Money has not yet been set aside for current art in round-abouts, partnering with the City. This project will not begin until next year. Ms. Walsh stated that the ground work can begin now.
- These funds are available until the end of this year.

Mr. Gast came across some designs on social media and shared with KAC. These are colorful art drawings under a bridge. He has wanted to do something similar for quite a long time. He suggested two areas under the blue bridge off Hwy 395 or on Canal St., under another bridge. The designs could be nature, flowers, river, sun, etc.

The City has taken possession of the fish art, previously located on Canal Drive. They will be stored at the Frost Building for future art projects. Mr. Gast stated off Jadwin and Hwy 240 there are numerous basalt columns with art. We could possibly do something similar with river rocks and add fish art. At the McDonalds restaurant on George Washington Way, they did something similar and it looks really cool. Ms. Walsh stated this is doable, to repurpose art.

From 5 corners area to Hildebrand St., this will now be called Bob Olson Parkway. This project is getting ready for bid. The developers really would like landscape. Ms. Walsh asked Commissioners to research and see if there is a visual to show Public Works Department and the developers. Ms. Carter stated that she has tons of designs. She will forward those to Mr. Gast who will put some designs together, giving them an idea of the 12' wide area. Ms. Walsh will provide the dimensions. The design could have grass and or a tree along with the art. This would call for a simple drip system. Mr. Gast will take the lead on this project.

A Richland Art Commission member approached Ms. Bluechel and commented that they would like a joint meeting. She also shared that they RAC no longer have a budget.

Ms. Walsh asked what is available to the money that was donated by many into an arts foundation. Ms. Carter stated several individuals put in money, out of pocket. She recalls that the administrative fees were waived. Ms. Bluechel will inquire.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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>
<i>Retreat</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
	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

