



Meeting Minutes

Aug 10, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mr. Watson, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Jason Watson, Abigail DeSteeze, Candice Bluechel, Barb Carter, Jenna Higley (arrived 6:08), Doug Gast

Excused: Linda Bauer, Linda Moran, Paul Scharold

Staff present: Terry Walsh, Director of Employee & Community Services

Isa Quintanilla, Recorder

3. Visitors

No visitors this evening.

4. Motion to Approve Agenda

Mr. Gast made a motion to approve today's agenda. Ms. Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Motion to approve the July 13th Meeting Minutes

Ms. Bluechel made a motion to approve July 13th, 2016 meeting minutes. With a second from Ms. Carter, the motion carried.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Unfinished Business

a. *Synergy Art- update*

Ms. Walsh informed KAC that this is nearly complete. Mr. Gast and Ms. Carter met with Joseph Rastovich and Kennewick Purchasing Agent Tim Corrigan. They received a signed release agreement signed by Michael and Joseph Rastovich. Joseph Rastovich will repair and re-painting the art, one-color. He will begin work on Tuesday. The contract states there will be three inspections; 1) when metal work is complete; 2) when he has first coat of primer; 3) and, after the final paint. Mr. J. Rastovich will contact Mr. Gast for after each phase. KAC will inspect the work and at any point KAC can ask J. Rastovich to re-do, if necessary. Mr. J. Rastovich had explained that he is concerned of cure time for the materials, he will apply four applications and each application will take a week to cure, a 4-week period. The deadline to complete the repair is October 31st. Mr. Gast will take pictures of the progress. Ms. Walsh stated that KAC now has a good template for a 'Release'. It was suggested to include this with future, original contracts, to obtain a signed release from the artist, when an art piece is procured, for future maintenance purposes.

b. *4th & Columbia Center Blvd. - Update*

Mr. Watson created a drawing and three photos of what the area of 4th Avenue and Columbia Center Blvd. as it appears at this point in time. The area is covered with cobble stone size basalt rock. Mr. Watson also

submitted a drawing, which represents the Columbia River, with the Yakima River and the Snake River feeding into it. He stated that the basalt columns represent buildings in the different cities and interconnected with light colored rock, representing the streets. Further down south on the drawing, rocks represent Wallula Gap and Twin Sisters. He suggested placing the fish art in the river area around the basalt columns. Mr. Watson accounted for twenty-two basalt columns. It was also discussed that more basalt columns could be added in the future. Mr. Gast suggested a light color rock to contrast the blue river. Currently, there is not enough money in the budget to purchase the river rock at this time. Ms. Walsh will inquire with staff as to what monies are available to assist with this project. Hopefully this project can be accomplished on the Day of Service Event, September 2016. City staff, previously, agreed to move the basalt column rocks from Grandridge St./Center Parkway to 4th Ave./Columbia Center Blvd., when the project is ready to go.

Ms. Bluechel commented that with the Three Rivers Community Foundation, there is a balance of \$2,320.00 and with a partnership, the money could go further. If the city could come up with \$2,000, then the Day of Service could install, that is a lot of bang for the buck. Ms. Bluechel moved that we seek a partnership with the Parks & Recreation Dept. with each Commission putting in roughly \$2,000 needed for the river rock project on the 4th Ave. and Columbia Center Blvd. Mr. Gast seconded and the motion passed.

c. ***Port of Kennewick Mural Project -update***

IN the winter of 2016, KAC agreed to assist the Port of Kennewick with the final artists. The Latino Heritage Mural Committee, narrowed it down to five artist, they are preparing their proposals which are due August 30th. The Latino Heritage Committee will also receive the proposals as well. They will decide which of the five artists they want to see awarded. Ms. Carter wants to be certain most of the KAC are available for the next meeting before informing the artists pf the meeting date. Copies of the proposals will be made available to KAC after September 1st. Ms. Gast stated it would be good to know the Artist story, the story are they trying to tell as KAC are reviews their proposal. Ms. Carter will send out the synopsis of Call to Artist, what the Committee is looking for. The story will be of the Latino culture in this community and what it means to this community, primarily the wine industry. Ms. Carter will look at future dates, possibly a Friday or a Saturday. The first date choice will be Sept. 15th, possibly the 13th. The regularly scheduled meeting scheduled on September 14th will be cancelled. The review of proposal meeting will be set up as a special meeting. Refreshments will be served at the special meeting. The final art selection will be made by the Port of Kennewick.

Ms. Carter commented on how the Port of Kennewick has expressed that the Port does not have the art background appreciation recognizes the value of having the Kennewick Arts Commission being involved for the Kennewick Arts Commission, working on this project and other projects. They still have the ultimate decision making. They are working on a policy, with every piece of property that they sell. they are going to take a percentage of the sales to set it aside in a public art fund. They will be setting money aside for future art projects. The policy will also state that they will be teaming with Kennewick Arts Commission for future art projects in Kennewick. They will also be connecting with the City of Richland as well. If they can get it started, it could be that other cities will eventually adopt it. They will also include a maintenance policy.

d. ***2015 Energize the Arts Award***

Ms. Carter and Mr. Gast will research awards (3) and return with additional information at the next regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, October 12th. \$1,000.00 has been set aside for these awards.

e. **2016 Energize the Arts Awards Nominations**

There were no additional nominations made. Ms. Carter stated seems we are running into voting for same, previous recipients of awards. Ms. Walsh suggested to maybe holding off with 2016 awards this year.

8. Budget

Ms. Walsh reported the KAC budget as follows:

Currently	\$8,539.00	current balance
	-\$1,250.00	Mural Project
	-\$1,000.00	Bus Shelter
	-\$1,000.00	Art Awards
	-\$2,000.00	J. Rastovich
	-\$1,000.00	Art Brochure/Map Printing
	<u>-\$ 20.00</u>	
	\$2,289.00	remaining balance

9. Commissioner Reports/Updates/Opportunity Zones

Mr. Watson will order business cards for our new Commissioner Abigail DeSteeese.

Mr. Gast will contact Emily Estes-Cross, Economic Development Director, to discuss the Arts Registry and online submissions, etc.

10. Comments

The next regularly scheduled meeting of September 14th is cancelled, due to a special meeting possibly September 12th or the 15th, to review five proposals, the top five proposals, submitted to the Port of Kennewick for the Mural Project.

The City of Kennewick will have a new website at the end of September.

Ms. Carter was in Bend, Oregon and brought a few of their art brochures. She envisioned big pieces and they are not so big. They have tons of other kinds of public art. Downtown Bend has modern murals. They are working with graffiti artists and creating murals. They have a Public Art Commission, a non-profit. They raise their own funds, do their own grant writing, and they also get a percentage of art projects. Their Park and Recreation Department is separate from the City.

Ms. Higley will contact Rohana Carmichael, Economic Development & HR Specialist, about the Kennewick Arts Map.

Mr. Gast said that because of the Pokémon game/sightings, there are a lot of people visiting the downtown Kennewick area; stopping by, looking at art, even sitting on art.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

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Isa Quintanilla, Recorder