



Kennewick Arts Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 6:00 pm
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:05p.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Chair Jason Watson

Commissioner Dee Boyle

Commissioner Doug Gast

Commissioner Melanie Blatman

Guest Barb Carter

Excused:

Commissioner McKenzie Kennedy

Commissioner Jill Madison

Staff:

Rohana Carmichael, Staff Liaison

Miles Thomas, Recorder

Rohana Carmichael noted for the record that Kimberly DeWald had to resign due to job commitments; new commissioner will be appointed.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Watson called for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Boyle motioned to approve; Commissioner Blatman seconded. All in favor.

4. Approval of May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Blatman motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May; Commissioner Boyle seconded. All in favor.

5. Visitors

a. Barb Carter, Port of Kennewick Liaison, Graffiti Wall Project Update

Guest Carter gave a presentation on legal graffiti walls and how they may work in the Port District and City. She elaborated on different examples from other places and opportunities, and what it may bring as a tourism and economic driver. Ms. Carter also elaborated on a strategy that the City of Portland had come up with this year, and explained some of the opportunities that may be applicable here. Ms. Carter has spoken with the owners of You and I Framing (Brooke and Michael Burg) about collaborating on a temporary pilot wall with Julian and his father.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Happy Human Bench Update

Ms. Carmichael provided an update on the Happy Human Benches that have been received. The Parks Commission accepted the Arts Commission's recommendations for the placement of Happy Human Benches.

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

Commissioner Gast gave an update that he spoke with Pasco Machine, and they quoted \$1,500 to produce 10 Energize the Arts Awards. He will work on a final plan for the next meeting.

c. Energize the Arts Vote

Ms. Carmichael reviewed the nominees for 2018 Energize the Arts Awards. Present Commissioners voted.

7. New Business

a. Traffic Box Art Next Step

Ms. Carmichael provided an update on the completed Traffic Boxes, and also provided an update on the potential remaining three installations. Final Call for Artists will be reviewed at next Commission meeting.

b. Budget Update

Ms. Carmichael reported that the budget is a bit skewed as the partnership contributions from STCU will need to be moved into Arts Commission account during the fall budget adjustment period. She provided the budget balance sheet to the Commissioners.

8. Comments

Commissioner Boyle noted some arts based events happening in the Tri-Cities this weekend.

Ms. Carmichael noted that the Commission – at the next full meeting – needs to vote on Chair and Vice-Chair.

Ms. Carmichael shared that Underwood Park is being refreshed, and it is in need of suggestion for potential art opportunities.

Ms. Carmichael gave an update on the opportunity for the commission to participate in National Night Out. Commissioner Boyle and Commissioner Blatman volunteered to facilitate the Commission activities.

Commissioner Watson stated 1st Thursday in August is hosting the Retro Show at Spectra Gallery.

9. Adjournment

Chair Watson adjourned the meeting at 7:20p.