



MINUTES
KEIZER PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
Keizer Event Center ~ Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Kat Thoreson called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was noted as follows:

Present:

Kat Thoreson
Kim Steen, Chair
Deborah Sisco, Vice Chair
Becka Brisbin
Lore Christopher, Council Liaison

Absent:

Marilyn Wood
Katie Klein, Student Committee
Liaison
Two open positions

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

2. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Chair Thoreson opened the floor for nominations.

Kat Thoreson nominated Kim Steen as Chair and Deborah Sisco as Vice Chair. Seconded by Becka Brisbin. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Sisco, and Brisbin in favor with Wood absent and two open positions.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. January 2025

Becka Brisbin moved for approval of the January 2025 Minutes. Deborah Sisco seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Sisco, and Brisbin in favor with Wood absent and two open positions.

4. Appearance of Interested Persons

5. Gallery Display Schedule

a.

- February-March: Quilt Guilds
- April-May: Joel

Becka Brisbin moved to approve in block. Seconded by Deborah Sisco.

Becka Brisbin retracted the motion.

Nickel - pending approval of art, which is ATTACHED ~ Motion Needed

Becka Brisbin moved to approve the April/May Joel Nickel show art that was submitted. Deborah Sisco seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Sisco, and Brisbin in favor with Wood absent and two open positions.

- **June-July: Gary Hlastals - pending approval of art**
- **August-September: Iris Festival/KeizerFEST annual display**
- **October-November: Native American Indian Display - pending approval of art**
- **December-January: Sandy & Larry Gross - pending approval of art**

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce changed the annual KeizerFEST to be in May. Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson asked Joel Nickels if he could switch display months for his display, but he had already mailed his reception invitations to view his artwork on April 25th.

Becka Brisbin motioned to remove the KeizerFEST display and open it up to other artists. Kat Thoreson seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Sisco, and Brisbin in favor with Wood absent and two open positions.

6. Review Holiday Card Contest Submissions

The Commissioners discussed the submitted artwork for the 2025 Holiday Card Contest.

Deborah Sisco moved to move forward with selecting the piece called a Christmas dog for the Holiday card this year. Becka Brisbin seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Sisco, and Brisbin in favor with Wood absent and two open positions.

a. 2025 Submissions

7. Grant Efforts

There were no grants.

8. Review of Arts Commission Budget: \$944.26 Remaining (ESTIMATE)

The Commissioners discussed the budget and the need to seal the story poles again.

a. See page 46 of the packet

b. Estimated Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025/26 ~ Motion

Chair Kim Steen moved for a \$6,000 budget request: \$2,400 for three utility box wraps, \$200 for holiday cards, \$500 for the preservation of artwork, \$2,000 for potential street art grant, \$800 undesignated. Seconded by Deborah Sisco. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen,

Needed

Wood, Sisco, and Brisbin in favor with Wood absent and two open positions.

9. New Business

10. Other Business

a. Updating Master Plan ~ include Proposed Street Art Program to Allow Murals to be Painted on Pavement by Tammy Saldivar (attached is Rough Draft) ~ Discussion on Public Works Rules

The Commission would like to receive approval from Public Works so they could move forward with the Street Art Program.

The Commissioners tabled this item to the May meeting, so the Keizer Public Arts Commission would have the final version to incorporate into the Arts Commission Master Plan.

b. Continue discussion on number of artists annually, certain number of years for returning artists and possibly taking a year off, rotations of returning and new artists, and split-galleries.

Discussion ensued on options to make room for new artists while not losing the current artists. It was suggested that artists skip a year before resubmitting art for another year.

Becka Brisbin would research some best practices and bring back a draft proposal for the Commission to consider to ensure that Keizer Public Arts Commission was involving as many people as possible to display their artwork at no cost to the City. The Members were encouraged to send their ideas to Ms. Wilson for Ms. Brisbin to include in the proposal.

Please note: if the Arts Commission and the City Council rules and policies do not conform if changes are made, then a Motion is needed to recommend revising the attached documents (e.g. Council Ordinance and

**Resolution and
the Keizer Public
Arts Policies and
Criteria.**

- c. Honoring
Members of the
Community ~
Terminology for
October/November
Display** Becka Brisbin felt that changing the name of the October and November display would be more inclusive and honor more community members. The display was currently being called Native American Indian Display.
- 11. Member
Reporting to
Council ~ Kat
Thoreson on April
7th at 6pm** Becka Brisbin proposed a motion to change the name of the October and November showcase to "Celebrating Native American, Indigenous, and First Peoples' Art." Deborah Sisco seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Sisco, and Brisbin in favor with Wood absent and two open positions.
- 12. Adjourn** Becka Brisbin would be reporting to Council on April 7th.
- Meeting adjourned: 7:18 p.m.
- Minutes approved: _____

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