



MINUTES
KEIZER PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Keizer Event Center ~ Council Chambers

1. Call to Order Chair Kim Steen called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was noted as follows:

Present:

Kim Steen, Chair
Lore Christopher, Council Liaison
Becka Bonner
Claire Juran
Jesus Escobar
Cassidy Kerner, Youth Liaison

Absent:

Deborah Sisco, Vice Chair
Two Open Positions

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

2. Approval of Minutes

a. August 2025

Becka Bonner moved for approval of the August 2025 Minutes. Claire Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with Sisco absent and two open positions.

Youth Liaison Cassidy Kerner, a senior at McNary High School, shared her interest to serve on the Keizer Public Arts Commission. Ms. Kerner and Rachel Wood would be finishing the painting in Keizer Rapids Park.

Commissioner Jesus Escobar shared that he was a Salem Artist and has been heavily involved with art in Keizer, Salem, and Portland, and he has taught art classes.

3. Appearance of Interested Persons

There were no interested persons.

4. Gallery Display Schedule

a. 2025

The Commission reviewed artwork submitted for display.

October-November: Native American Indian Display

It was noted that the October-November display name should be "Honoring Indigenous Native Americans and First Peoples Art Display."

1. No Artist Submissions were received.

2. City-owned & Loaned Art (Large Canvases) - pending approval of art

Becka Bonner moved to accept Rowan Sixkiller for our featured artist for October and November based on similar art to the one piece submitted. If any of the commissioners are uncomfortable with any pieces, they would be removed and discussed at an upcoming meeting. Claire Juran seconded. Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with Sisco absent and two open positions.

b. 2025/2026

- **December-January: Sandy & Larry Gross - confirmed - pending approval of art**

Commissioner Bonner reached out to a photographer about displaying in August and September of next year. Commissioner Escobar would submit his art for an exhibit.

2026

- **February-March: Joel Nickle - confirmed - pending approval of art**
- **April-May: Don Ely - confirmed - pending approval of art**
- **June-July: Gary Hlastals - confirmed - pending approval of art**

2026/2027

- **December-January: Mid-Valley Quilt Guild - confirmed - pending approval of art**

5. Grant Efforts

There were no grants submitted. The Commissioners discussed searching and applying for grants.

6. Review of Arts Commission Budget

- a. September 2025: \$5,925 remaining** The budget was reviewed.

7. Other Business

- a. Review the Keizer Public Arts Commission Master Plan for**

The Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC) briefly reviewed the KPAC Master Plan.

Discussion ensued about the statues that the City had purchased and the

possible updates to be made at the same time the new Street Art Program would be incorporated

ones on loan and how the sculptures needed to be resealed annually. It was noted that the community murals were treated with anti-graffiti sealant approximately every five years.

There was discussion about potential, future insta-art projects and community murals.

Councilor Christopher suggested prioritizing future projects for the Master Plan.

KPAC decided that they would like more time to review the Master Plan and highlight their accomplishments since there were new members. City Manager Adam Brown commented that some items from the Strategic Plan could be included.

b. Utility Box Wrap Flyer ~ Submission Deadline Needed

Chair Steen made a motion instead of calling it a contest, to call it "A Call to Artists". Commissioner Bonner seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with Sisco absent and two open positions.

Becka Bonner made a motion to approve the flyer for the KPAC utility box wraps. Claire Juran seconded.

Becka Bonner made a friendly amendment to add pictures of previously completed box wraps to the flyer. Claire Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with Sisco absent and two open positions.

KPAC decided that a deadline was not needed because this was not a contest and was open-ended.

The Commissioners would like to have the flyer also in Spanish.

Commissioner Bonner shared that she was creating a tri-fold brochure to recruit for artwork.

c. Review the Holiday Card Submission Form for Approval ~ 2026

Cassidy Kerner would design new artwork for the Holiday Card Submission form.

It was noted that the application should also be in Spanish.

d. Herber Historical Sign for Claggett Park

The Herber Historical Sign was discussed, and Councilor Christopher explained that it would be in black and white because colors fade too easily.

It was noted that the layout looked great, and Councilor Christopher would be wordsmithing the sign verbiage.

Becka Bonner moved to approve The Keizer Land has a History sign and contribute approximately \$125 from our budget towards it as amended with KPAC and the City Logo on the bottom. Claire Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with Sisco absent and two open positions.

8. Member Reporting to Council ~ Chair Steen on October 6th - 6pm Chair Steen would report to Council on October 6th.

9. Adjourn KPAC chose to meet on Tuesday January 27, 2026, for the January meeting since the third Tuesday was a Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:14 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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