



MINUTES
KEIZER PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Keizer Event Center ~ Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Kim Steen called to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was noted as follows:

Present:

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

Absent:

Two Open Positions

Staff Present:

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

2. Approval of Minutes

a. September 2025

Commissioner Bonner noted that her last name was incorrect in several areas, and the name of the display for October-November should include "Indigenous People."

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

3. Appearance of Interested Persons

Tammy Saldivar, Keizer, shared about the concept of Storm Drain Art. She was working with the Public Works Department Environmental Division who prepared the handout that was provided to the members. She asked for a contest to be run annually to support the need for storm drain art.

- Ms. Saldivar highlighted the program that would be incorporated into the Stormwater Management Plan as follows:
- The current marking program uses metal markers that only last a few years and often end up in the drains
- The proposed program would feature aesthetically pleasing art around storm drains in highly visible, high pedestrian areas
- The project would begin planning in March, with promotion starting in April, and the contest opening in May
- Winners would be announced in late June, with painting occurring in July during dry weather

- Contestants would be 14 years or older, with two submission categories: 14-18 and 18+
- Artists must be capable of completing the physical painting, which would be given 3 days to complete
- The city would provide traffic support, site preparation, and painting supplies

The Commission members were enthusiastic about the proposal.

Discussion ensued about rolling out the designs during KezierFEST and the timing of the contest. It was suggested to work with the Chamber of Commerce on promoting the program. Ms. Saldivar confirmed that Public Works had already approved this program.

The Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC) requested to know more about their role in the maintenance piece of the Storm Drain Art Program.

Becka Bonner moved to direct staff to determine where this program would lie, if we moved forward with it, whether it's environmental services or KPAC, and if it has to be put into our Master Plan. Claire Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Sisco, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with two open positions.

The KPAC members hoped to have this go to Council at the second meeting of November.

It was noted that the members would like to have input on the storm drain locations.

4. Gallery Display Schedule

a. 2025/2026

- **October-November: Rowen Sixkiller - art approved on 09-16-2025**
- **December-January: Sandy & Larry Gross - confirmed - pending approval of art (art submission is in packet)**

The Commission reviewed pieces submitted for the December-January display.

Becka Bonner moved to approve the artwork for December-January, Sandy and Larry Gross. Deborah Sisco seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Thoreson, Sisco, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with two open positions.

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

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**
- **August-September - Jesus Escobar - confirmed - pending approval of art**
- **October-November - Native American Indian Display**

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

5. Grant Efforts

There were no grant efforts.

6. Consider Renewing Two-year Agreements: \$400 Honorarium per Agreement = \$2,400

Councilor Christopher explained that the honorariums for sculpture displays come from transient occupancy tax (TOT) funds rather than KPAC's budget. She noted that Jim Johnson had passed away, so his agreements would need to be addressed separately with his family.

- a. **"Trilat Relic 1" by Joseph Mross**
- b. **"Twilight Reverence" by Jim DeMetro**
- c. **"Summer Breeze" by Jim DeMetro**
- d. **"Please" by the late Jim Johnson**
- e. **"Praise" by the late Jim Johnson**
- f. **"Blind Date" by the late Jim Johnson**

Chair Steen moved to renew our two-year agreements for the \$400 Honorarium for Twilight Reverence by Jim DeMetro and Summer Breeze by Jim DeMetro. Becka Bonner seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Sisco, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with two open positions.

7. Review of Arts Commission Budget

a. Discussion on Acquiring New Statues

There was no discussion on this item.

b. Remaining Budget: \$5,925

The Commission noted that the budget report provided was not detailed enough, as it only showed expenditures but not allocations. Dawn Wilson,

Deputy City Recorder, was asked to provide a more detailed budget report for the next meeting that would show allocated funds for different projects and how much had been spent from each allocation.

8. Other Business

a. Review the Keizer Public Arts Commission Master Plan for possible updates to be made at the same time the new Street Art Program would be incorporated

The KPAC members discussed updating their Master Plan to incorporate new programs like the Street Art Program and potentially the Storm Drain Art Program. Councilor Christopher offered to review the existing Master Plan and create a draft with updates to reflect completed projects and current initiatives.

Councilor Christopher would provide a draft to KPAC for them to review and make comments on the draft to discuss at the November meeting with the goal of having a final draft ready in December so it could be approved by City Council.

b. Review the Holiday Card Submission Form for Approval ~ 2026 (Revised by Cassidy Kerner)

The members reviewed and loved the holiday card submission form that Youth Liaison Cassidy Kerner designed. The members requested that it be available in Spanish.

Becka Bonner moved to approve the new holiday greeting application form. Claire Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Sisco, Bonner, Juran, and Escobar in favor with two open positions.

9. Member Reporting to Council ~ Jesus Escobar on November 3rd - 6pm

Jesus Escobar would report to Council on November 3rd.

10. Next Meeting: November 18th

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:07 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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