



MINUTES
KEIZER PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
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
Jim Merrill
Cassidy Kerner, Youth Liaison

Absent:

Deborah Sisco
Jesus Escobar (resigned)
One Open Position

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

2. Election of Chair & Vice Chair There was a consensus to postpone the elections to the next meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. November 2025 Becka Bonner moved for approval of the November 2025 Minutes. Claire Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Merrill in favor with Sisco and Escobar absent and one open position.

Jim Merrill summarized his background and shared that he wanted to serve on the Committee because he wanted to do more volunteerism and because of his love of art.

4. Appearance of Interested Persons

Tammy Saldivar, Keizer, shared the next steps on the Storm Drain Art Program in that the Environmental Division was still finalizing some details. Since Jesus Escobar resigned, Becka Bonner would represent the Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC).

Ms. Saldivar talked about the number of days to sign off on the waiver and the signature. The contest details were still being worked on. KPAC approves the image. It was noted that Public Works would pay for the paint.

Discussion ensued about whether to have this be a contest or a Call to Artists. Cassidy Kerner would like to design the Call to Artists flyer. Ms. Saldivar would talk with the Environmental Team about the Call to Artists concept. It was noted that the Environmental Team would choose the

location and would like to have two paintings installed this year.

The Call to Artist would open in April or May, and the promotion should start in April. The locations should be known in March. Early June, the Call to Artists would close and artwork would be voted on for two winners at the June meeting. In July, Public Works would host an orientation meeting on how the agreement and waiver are executed, prepare the area, and arrange for traffic control—and then the painting could happen.

It was noted that the theme was updated to only have one theme of "Only Rain Down the Drain." Social media was discussed, and it was noted that the Environmental Team could create the social media postings. It was requested to have pictures of the locations on the social media postings. It was requested to have "Location 1" and "Location 2" on the online submission form—and if the applicant would be willing to accept either location.

It was noted that the applications would be due by April 30th for consideration in 2026.

It was noted that the storm drain art would go to the Environmental Division for approval because of a statutory requirement, and then would go to KPAC.

KPAC would vote on the artwork at the May 19, 2026, meeting.

Ms. Saldivar shared an update on the Street Art Program. She serves on the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association board and met with the McNary art teacher, measured the intersection of Newberg and Max Court, and the teacher would ask the students to be creative for their artwork to go on a road. The teacher would integrate it into his lesson plans and would ask to have it be McNary-themed. Ms. Saldivar spoke with Sherwin-Williams, who recommended opaque stain instead of paint and said that primer wasn't needed.

5. Gallery Display Schedule

a. Approval of Joel Nickel's Artwork for the February/March Display

The Commission reviewed pieces submitted for display prior to the meeting.

Becka Bonner moved to accept all artwork as submitted for the February/March display. Jim Merrill seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Merrill in favor with Sisco and Escobar absent and one open position.

b. 2025/2026

The members reviewed the schedule.

- **December-
January:
Sandy & Larry
Gross -
Current Exhibit**

2026

- **February-
March: Joel
Nickel -
confirmed ~
Motion needed
for artwork (in
packet)**
- **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 -
Honoring
Indigenous
Native
Americans and
First Peoples
Art Display**

2026/2027

- **December-
January: Mid-
Valley Quilt
Guild -**

reviewed/updated by Public Works.) and to represent and engage the full community by explicitly speaking to cultural representation, outreach or accessibility in a way that reflects that reality.

Becka Bonner moved that Keizer Public Arts Commission approve the 2020-2030 Public Art Master Plan, contingent upon the addition of clarified language that explicitly affirms the Commission's commitment to cultural representation. Inclusive outreach and accessibility, reflective of Keizer's diverse community, and that staff incorporate this language prior to the plan being forwarded to City Council. There was no second.

Discussion ensued on including the motion verbiage in the Master Plan and that KPAC wasn't ready to approve the updated Master Plan.

Becka Bonner withdrew her motion.

Ms. Bonner would provide the exact statement to be added to the purpose statement.

c. Utility Box Artwork Submission by Deborah Sisco ~ Motion Needed

The members reviewed and discussed the artwork submitted by Deborah Sisco for a utility box wrap.

The members wanted to ask Deborah Sisco about submitting something else because her artwork was very similar to an installed utility box wrap on River Road and Glynbrook.

d. Discussion on choosing mural artwork for the Los Dos Hermanos location

This item was discussed out of order.

Chair Steen asked the Commissioners about accepting artwork without the artists' names attached, so the artists would be anonymous. Discussion ensued about how this would look to the public if a KPAC member won the card contest.

Chair Steen moved that all art in contests is selected anonymously. Jim Merrill seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Merrill in favor with Sisco and Escobar absent and one open position.

Ms. Bonner felt that members of KPAC shouldn't submit artwork for a contest because it wouldn't feel right. It was suggested that a member recuse themselves from voting if their artwork was being considered. Ms. Juran felt it would be okay as long as the member recused themselves. Discussion ensued about the members recognizing the artists' distinctive style.

Cassidy Kerner agreed with both sides. Ms. Kerner would resend the holiday card content applications in PDF format so it could be replaced in the Master Plan.

Becka Bonner moved to approve the concept art for Los Dos Hermanos. Claire Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Bonner, Juran, and Merrill in favor with Sisco and Escobar absent and one open position.

9. Next Meeting: It was noted that the next meeting would be on February 24th.
February 24th (4th
Tues due to a
holiday)

10. Member Becka Bonner would be reporting to Council on February 17th.
Reporting to
Council ~ Becka
Bonner on
TUESDAY,
February 17th at
6pm

11. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at: 7:28 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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