



MINUTES
KEIZER PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
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
Deborah Sisco, Chair
Lore Christopher, Council Liaison
Jim Merrill
Mario Salazar
Stacy Madsen
Cassidy Kerner, Youth Liaison

Absent:

Becka Bonner
Claire Juran, Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

2. Election of Chair & Vice Chair Chair Steen opened the floor for nominations.

Chair Steen moved that we elect Deborah Sisco as Chair and Vice Chair would be Claire Juran. Stacy Madsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Sisco, Merrill, Salazar, and Madsen in favor with Bonner and Juran absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. February 2026 Kim Steen moved for approval of the February 2026 Minutes. Stacy Madsen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Sisco, Merrill, Salazar, and Madsen in favor with Bonner and Juran absent.

4. Appearance of Interested Persons There were no interested persons present.

Chair Sisco introduced the new members, Stacy Madsen and Mario Salazar, who shared about themselves and their interest in art.

5. Gallery Display Schedule

a. 2026

- **February-March: Joel Nickel - confirmed ~ Current Exhibit**
- **April-May: Don Ely - confirmed - artwork was approved**
- **June-July: Gary Hlastals - confirmed - pending approval of art**
- **August-September: Jesus Escobar - confirmed - pending approval of art**

The Art Gallery Schedule was reviewed.

- **October-November: Honoring Indigenous Native Americans and First Peoples Art Display | Malcohm Pascua-ONEill - confirmed - pending approval of art**

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

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- **February-March:**
- **April-May: Joel Nickel - confirmed - pending approval of art**
- **June-July: Gary Hlastals**
- **August-September: Larry and Sandy Gross - confirmed - pending approval of art**
- **October-November: Honoring Indigenous Native Americans and First Peoples Art Display**

6. Grant Efforts There were no grant efforts.

7. Review of Arts Commission Budget

a. \$5,481.56 Remaining (Page 7 of packet) The Commission reviewed their budget status, noting that their annual budget was \$6,000. Annual expenses include resealing story poles in front of the building and maintaining the Sasquatch sculpture in Keizer Rapids Park, costing approximately \$500-750 annually. The budget included allocations for three additional utility box wraps at about \$1,000 each, holiday cards, \$2,000 for potential street art in collaboration with McNary High School, \$800 undesignated funds, and \$400 for the new Storm Drain Art Program, which was a collaboration with the Environmental Division related to clean water permit requirements.

8. 2026 Holiday Card Contest ~ Select Winner

a. 2026 Submissions The Commission reviewed the artwork submitted. Each of the members chose their two favorites.

Five members chose Holiday Glow, and three members chose Socks. The members voted on the Holiday Glow and Socks. Two members chose the Holiday Glow, and three members chose the Socks artwork.

Kim Steen moved to select the holiday socks as our holiday card contest

winner. Stacy Madsen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Merrill, Salazar, and Madsen in favor with Bonner and Juran absent and Sisco abstained.

9. Utility Box Wrap Selections ~ Re-submitted in Landscape Orientation

a. Submissions by Malcohm O'Neill

b. Submission by Mario Salazar

The Commission reviewed pieces submitted.

Stacy Madsen requested that the artist create more contrast in the artwork on page 36 of the packet, called Wildflower Prayers.

Mario Salazar asked about the printing company and if they took measurements. City Manager Adam Brown confirmed that they did take measurements. Mr. Salazar agreed that the contrast may need to be increased after the artwork was printed to see how the large-scale box wrap would look. Chair Sisco suggested that every other leaf be a different color.

The entire Commission chose the feather (artwork on page 36 of the packet).

Chair Sisco moved that the feather one that we selected, contingent on being able to get more contrast with the purplish flowers. Seconded by Kim Steen. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Sisco, Merrill, Salazar, and Madsen in favor with Bonner and Juran absent.

It was noted that the Bears on page 39 and Violets on page 37 should come back to the Commission for further consideration after they were reformatted. The members asked that the artist resubmit the artwork for the Wildflower Prayers in a non-stretched and reformatted image.

10. New/Other Business

a. Utility Box Art: Artwork Concept Submitted for Sponsored Utility Box Wrap

Chair Sisco asked about relocating some of the artwork on River Road. Discussion ensued on which art pieces they would like to move. It was noted that the Commissioners should also choose the sites for potential public art that the City Council would need to approve.

The Commission discussed the need to identify additional locations for public art installations along River Road. The goal was to make formal recommendations to the City Council for additional art placement sites, particularly between Chemawa Road and Lockhaven where there are currently no installations. Councilor Christopher suggested that the members take pictures of the locations they were interested in having art displayed and send them to Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson.

The process involved obtaining City Council approval for potential sites, then approaching business owners for easements to place art on their properties. The City would maintain liability while businesses would benefit from the attention that public art brought.

It was noted that the artwork concept for MaryAnn and Hersch Sangster's utility box would be placed on an Agenda after the artwork was finished.

11. Discussion on Establishing a Policy for the Attendance Requirement (75% Rate in Resolution Appendices)

a. Input Requested for Volunteer Attendance Policy, History and Resolution

The members discussed the five suggested policy points that the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC) developed for handling attendance concerns.

It was noted that the suggested policy would involve the City Recorder's Office contacting members who miss two consecutive meetings or fall below 75 percent annual attendance to discuss their commitment. The member's response would be communicated to the Chair, and if needed, the Chair could work with the member on solutions. Members would be encouraged to provide 48-hour notice when possible if unable to attend.

The Commission discussed various scenarios, including medical emergencies and family obligations, noting that the policy was designed to address attendance issues through discussion rather than automatically removing members. **The policy should include provisions for extenuating circumstances** and could allow for accommodations like Zoom participation when appropriate.

The Commission expressed general agreement with the proposed policy direction, understanding it as a way to ensure commitment while providing flexibility for legitimate circumstances.

12. Member Reporting to Council on April 6th at 6pm: Chair Steen

Kim Steen would be reporting to Council on April 6th.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:15 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____