

**City of Kenmore
City Council Meeting
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 5, 2023**

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Meeting video and audio is available on the City YouTube channel.

PRESENT:

Councilmembers: Mayor Nigel Herbig
Deputy Mayor Melanie O’Cain
Councilmember David Baker
Councilmember Joe Marshall
Councilmember Angela Kugler
Councilmember Debra Srebnik
Councilmember Corina Pfeil

Staff: City Manager Rob Karlinsey
Deputy City Manager Stephanie Lucash
City Attorney Dawn Reitan
Jennifer Gordon, Public Works Facilities Director
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Kang

Speaking Guests: Sara Solum Hayashi, Arts of Kenmore Director
David Arthur, DEI Advisory Committee
Chanin Kelly-Rae, City’s DEIA Consultant

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Herbig called the special meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- A. Kenmore Downtown Interactive Urban Art Installation, presented by
City Manager Rob Karlinsey, Public Works Operations Director
Jennifer Gordon, and Arts of Kenmore Director Sara Solum
Hayashi, *for Discussion/Direction*
[Agenda Bill - Kenmore Downtown Interactive Urban Art Installation](#)
[Attachment 1 - May 22, 2023, Agenda Bill including Proposal from Arts of](#)
[Kenmore](#)

Arts of Kenmore Director Sara Hayashi explained that Arts of Kenmore wants to see the community driven pride-themed art project realized. As an example, two pride-themed projects were proposed:

1. City Hall Steps
2. Sidewalk corners

Before discussing the content of the business item, the Council addressed the reason for the meeting. Councilmembers expressed a need for more time to review materials prior to Council meetings. Some Councilmembers noted that they were not able to discuss their concern during the May 22nd meeting.

Relating to the business item, one concern raised was that allowing a rainbow pride theme to be painted onto City Hall steps is supporting a set of beliefs that might not be reflective of the community. How will the City balance art requests from other groups who may wish their beliefs/symbols to be memorialized onsite? Another concern was about giving the community more notice and opportunity to comment on the art choice/location. Some Councilmembers also spoke in support of the art piece and the values it would reflect. The City Attorney explained that art is considered a form of speech and that the governing body has its own rights as a speaker.

After discussion, and hearing that most of the Councilmembers will not reconsider an affirmative vote from the May 22, 2023, meeting (approved motion to *authorize the city Manager to enter into an agreement with the Kenmore Urban Pride Committee and Arts of Kenmore to install Pride themed art on City Hall property*), Mayor Herbig adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Herbig adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:48 PM.


Nigel G. Herbig (Jun 28, 2023 12:35 PDT)

Nigel Herbig, Mayor


Anastasiya Warhol (Jun 28, 2023 20:26 PDT)

Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

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