

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) November 26, 2012, Parks and Recreation Administration Office, Lincoln Park

Commissioners Present: Miranda Ashman, Randall Cupp, Judy Dyrud, Charity Finnigsmier, Gisela Flanigan, Diane Kress Hower, Lancer Livermont

Commissioners Absent: Jephtha Sheene

Others Present: Lorie Gregor

Chair Gisela Flanigan called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Randall Cupp moved to approve the Minutes of the Oct. 24 meeting. Miranda Ashman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Final Grant Presentation: Catholic Outreach “Art in Transition,” GJCAC grant \$1000: **Stacy Schoolfield** thanked GJCAC and reported that an art therapist showed veterans in Catholic Outreach housing how to use drawing, painting and sculpture to express emotions. Stacy showed several completed artworks and explained how the art helped the veterans work through feelings and experiences and “transition” to their new lives. All residents participated in the art therapy session; most attended the first art workshop; and some finished art pieces in time for display at the Sept. 20 Downtown Farmers Market. GJCAC support was acknowledged in posters at the market booth. Leftover grant funds purchased art supplies for the veterans to continue their work.

Final Grant Presentation: KAFM Radio Arts and Entertainment Calendar, GJCAC grant \$4000: **Tedi Gillespi**, KAFM Executive Director, reported that use of this free service is increasing. Nonprofits, artists and arts organizations submit notices of upcoming events on the KAFM website, then a script of events is recorded over a musical background and broadcast 6 times daily, 7 days a week. This totals about \$30,000 worth of free advertising to promote local arts events. Sometimes the artists or organizations are invited to appear on a longer segment on the noontime community events program. GJCAC is acknowledged on each Calendar broadcast and on the website, which includes a link to our website. Diane Hower will promote the Calendar on our Facebook page.

Final Grant Presentation: Chipeta Elementary Young Artist Program, GJCAC grant \$1500: **Sylvia Wilhelm** distributed a written report and said that one of the four planned presentations has occurred. Dr. Arthur Houle of Colorado Mesa University gave two interactive piano performances on Nov. 7, discussing composition and improvisation with groups of kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade students. GJCAC was acknowledged in a poster at the performances. Teachers were given suggestions for follow-up writing and art projects, but it was up to them whether to carry them out. KREX-TV covered the event. Future choral and theatre/dance programs are tentatively planned.

GJCAC Grant Program: Discussion centered on GJCAC grant requirements, the clarity of grant forms and instructions, and possible misrepresentation by applicants. Lorie Gregor will make several minor changes to the application materials following the suggestions of the Commissioners.

Gisela suggested that the official GJCAC contact person plus at least one other Commissioner should attend each funded event.

She also said grant application details can be important. When grant proposals state someone like the executive director of an organization would receive most of the money, then it is possible the project could go forward without our grant. Conversely, when applications specify other grant funding received, it does not necessarily mean we should give them less, but actually further supports the value of a project or organization.

City Hall Schedule: Lorie distributed the 2013 schedule of City Hall art exhibits and receptions (Jan. 11, Apr. 5, July 12, and Oct. 4) and showed the video of the creative writing contest winners from the Oct. 5, 2012 reception; each contest winner will receive a copy. Discussion considered posting this video to promote the contest. Approval of the winners' families would be necessary. Lorie will contact Monument Graphics to investigate possible video capability for our website.

OLD BUSINESS

Champion of the Arts: After discussion of three nominees, the Commissioners by voice vote unanimously approved Steve and Sibylle Doyle of Doyle Trading Consultants for the Business Champion of the Arts Award for their long and multi-dimensional support of High Desert Opera. After further discussion the Commissioners approved Harold P. Moss and the late Ruth Moss for the Individual Champion of the Arts Award for 60 years of active involvement and support of the Art Center. The vote was unanimous with one abstention (Gisela).

The Commission approved specific prizes for the Champions of the Arts. Lorie showed slides of 27 artworks, and after discussion the Commissioners selected the oil painting "Whispering" by Mary Mansfield for the Individual award and the mixed media piece "Bookcliffs Tryptic" by Susan Stanton for the Business award. Both votes were unanimous.

Art Donation: A donation of sculptures from Mr. and Mrs. John McCord to the city was approved at the last GJCAC meeting. Lorie showed slides of several more artworks they have offered to donate. The Commissioners agreed unanimously to accept the additional donation.

Colorado National Monument Art Show: Three people are needed to jury next autumn's City Hall show by viewing photographs of the artworks on Sept. 11, 2013. Last year's show had approximately 200 submissions. Interested Commissioners should contact Lorie and write 1-2 sentences about their qualifications and expertise for serving on the jury.

Volunteers will be needed for the Jan. 2013 City Hall opening and the Champion of the Arts reception. Lorie will send the dates by email.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mesa Land Trust Conserved Land Photography Project, GJCAC grant \$500: Lancer Livermont reported that the grant was used to frame and mount two images by the same photographer at the Tiara Rado golf course. There was a press release but no public event around the exhibit. GJCAC was not mentioned on their website or on Facebook. The purpose of the project was to build

awareness about the Land Trust and interest for a larger event in 2014. The project appeared to succeed in its intent, but if they re-apply for another grant next year we may have more questions.

Randall will email details regarding the upcoming Riverside Educational Center “Look What I Did” event.

Diane will be attending the Western Colorado Chorale performance next week and said more tickets for Commissioners are available through Lorie.

The next regular meeting of the GJCAC will be Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, 4:00 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation Office.

As there was no further business, Gisela declared this meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Dyrud