

**MINUTES OF GRAND JUNCTION ARTS COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER**  
[11:30 A.M., 11/13; 11:00 A.M., 11/28]

The purpose of these meetings was to interview potential planning consultants (as agreed to with C.C.A.H. in exchange for a \$7,500 planning grant). Another meeting December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Basement Conference Room will complete this interviewing process and a decision will be made at the Regular Commission meeting, Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Present at both meetings were Tim Wedel, Allison Sarmo, John Patterson, Sandra Brown, Larry Mazzeno, and Ann Sanders. At the 11/13 meeting Allison Sarmo reviewed the process stating that she had sent out requests for proposals to seven people or firms and that the deadline was November 28.

Allison also informed members of a planned "Philanthropy Day" when philanthropists from all over Colorado will be available in Grand Junction. This will be May 7, 1991.

The "Breakfast Committee" for January 5 will be Allison, Sandra, Ann, Julie, and Mary.

The Community Resource Center (CRC) of Denver, represented by Rich Gale, Executive Director and Jim Syring, Associate - asked a lot of questions, outlined a planning process and answered questions from commission members. The Community Resource Center's approach is to involve the Commission and a Task Force in doing the organizing work to develop a plan. The CRC's time table is six months. They will train the Commission and Task Force to do the plan and will facilitate community meetings.

At the 11/28 meeting, Commission members heard from Ellen Helson of Hammer, Siler, George Associates, a national planning firm with an office in Denver. This firm is doing Steamboat Springs' "Comprehensive Plan for Culture and Liveability".

Ellen suggested a focus group and "stockholders" interviews approach. The final report would describe direct action to be taken by the Commission, indirect action and results of the action.

All proposals will be available 12/12. Enclosed is a possible "rating system" based on the RFD and the verbalized criteria. More can be added.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra N. Brown