

Minutes of the Grand Junction Arts Commission  
September 26, 1990

Arts Commission Members Present:

Sandra Brown  
Ann Sanders  
Allison Sarmo

Mary Buss  
Tim Wedel  
Julie Schroeder-Wright

Members Absent:

Vic Crumbaker  
Larry Mazzeno  
John Patterson

Guests present:

Maryo Ewell

Allison Sarmo convened the meeting and distributed an agenda to be followed during the meeting. Maryo Ewell, of the Colorado Council on the Arts and Humanities, was available for consultation with the GJ Commission.

General discussion ensued concerning each members perception of goals of the GJ Commission. Among views presented were:

1. Surveying and accessing the state of the Arts in the Grand Valley.
2. Providing a long-range plan for the local government in order to foster a vision of what the Valley can be.
3. Providing a sense of community for all arts activities and organizations.
4. Servicing the Arts groups locally, accessing their needs and supporting growth and more responsive use of cultural and artistic sources.
5. Supporting Arts Education in the District 51 School System and the community.
6. Helping to build an audience for existing cultural events in Grand Junction and the surrounding area.

The National Endowment for the Arts, Art in the Schools Grant, was discussed by Maryo Ewell. This grant provides funding for local school districts with established Arts Organizations to be involved in a three (3) year "Art in the schools" pilot program. Local representative from the school district would team with a Arts organization representative to set up individual programs geared towards specific needs of the local school district. If a local arts group such as the Arts Network were to Present a proposal for the NEA grant, the GJ Commission would be interested in viewing the proposal to consider a possible endorsement of the grant.



Maryo Ewell announced that a grant has been secured from the Colorado Council on the Arts and Humanities for \$7500.00 to assist the GJ Commission in its cultural planning process. The CCAH has also generously offered the consulting services of Maryo Ewell to our Commission at no charge during this planning process.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the CCAH offer, and the vote met unanimous approval.

Phase I of the Surveying and Assessment process is nearing completion and a subcommittee was set up to look into various ways to present this survey information to the various organizations and the City. Phase II will involve meeting with representatives of the various disciplines, presenting information received, and asking for feedback to gain insight and information concerning the needs of each organization.

Allison Sarmo and Tim Wedel will present condensed information related to the Colorado Consortium conference in Denver at the next meeting October 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Tim Wedel  
Secretary for the meeting

