



City of Grand Junction, Colorado

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250 North Fifth Street

MINUTES FOR GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION
ON ARTS AND CULTURE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1993

ATTENDING: Sandra Brown, Ursula Hemmerich, Richard Leinaweaver, Ann Sanders, *Allison Sarmo, Mike Smedley, *Julie Schroeder-Wright, and Brenda Swille.

*NOTE - Last meeting for Allison Sarmo and Julie Schroeder-Wright.

AGENDA I: Welcome to new members - update membership list. New Members: Philip L. Freitas, Richard E. Leinaweaver, and Ursula Hemmerich. Paula Andrews, appointed new member will be unable to participate due to schedule conflict. A replacement will be appointed by the March meeting. Updated membership list will be completed at this time.

AGENDA II: Report on meeting with City Council Quality of Life Committee and County Commissioners re Art Center/Mesa Theater/Avalon Theater Project - how to proceed with request - presentation to City Council at their Workshop March 1st (who will attend and make presentation)

Allison Sarmo reported; the City Council felt overall positive about the Project but thought it might become a political issue. They were not certain that if they voted for the project now that the new elected council might possibly overturn the vote. The County Commissioners voted no unanimously.

It was discussed that the commission continue to support the package/culture facility study and recommend the possibility of using a portion of the existing sales tax to fund the arts. Mike Smedley, Sandra Brown, Ann Sanders, and new members will attend the March 1st workshop. Call City Manager to see when it is scheduled on their agenda.

AGENDA III: Report on formation of new Western Colorado Arts Council.

The Western Colorado Arts Council was formed from the need of a Arts Marketing Committee. Michael Gerlach is presently acting as chair. Currently the committee is researching the actual need for a council and discussing mission statements. Ann Sanders will be the liaison for the Commission.

AGENDA IV: Report on nomination of Downtown Development Authority's Art on the Corner for Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

The nomination did qualify. Will find out in next few months as to the winner of the award.

AGENDA V: 1993 Projects and Committees (who wants to do what) Ann Sanders suggested a retreat for all members (old and new) so all would understand the actions of the Commission in the past and plans/goals for the future. The idea being, to make the transition of members go smoothly. Conflicts have come up about the date so will be discussed at March meeting.



- Update and reprint 1500 arts organization and education brochures (combine the two into one and hire consultant)

"A motion was made by Sandra Brown that the two brochures be combined and updated by Brenda Swille (administrative assistant) at \$10.00 an hour. She will keep track of her hours and admit them to Chair of Commission. The motion carried unanimously". "Allison Sarmo asked that a motion be made to loan the computer and printer to Brenda Swille so the updating be completed. Sandra Brown made the motion and it carried unanimously". "A third motion was made by Sandra Brown to hire Tom Farris to program the computer at \$35 an hour. The motion carried unanimously".

- Cultural Events Calendar in conjunction with an existing calendar effort in town.

It was discussed that this project be put on hold because the new art council was showing interest in taking it over.

- Workshop series for local artists.

Michael Smedley is in progress of scheduling workshops for the visual arts. Dates and agendas will be discussed at future times.

- Develop file of foundation funding resources (Funding Report)

Sandra Brown will write letter to Council requesting \$45 to purchase the Funding Report to be given to the Public Library. This report will then be available to the community for grant information.

- Develop informational program based on Economic Impact of the Arts in G.J. report to present to local groups and clubs (speakers bureau)

Will discuss this issue at March meeting.

- Avalon Theater children's production June 11-12 (proposal from Kirk McConnell for "The Frog Prince" musical -funding from a \$2100 CCA Grant and leftover 1992 City funds of \$2000) Richard Leinaweaver and Phil Freitas will work on this.

AGENDA VI: Request from Grand West Festival for \$6500 in funding.

The Commission discussed the amount requested by the Grand West and issues brought up that the \$5,000 amount given in '92 was meant as seed money in hopes that the organization would procure money on its own in the years to come. "A motion was made by Ann Sanders that an amount of \$3500 be given to the Grand West with an explanation that they need to start funding from within. The motion was carried unanimously.

AGENDA VII: Election of officers.

It was discussed that the official election of officers be postponed until the March meeting, which at this time Paula Andrews replacement will be there. Temporary officers were

appointed. "A motion was made by Richard Leinaweaver that Sandra Brown be nominated for Temporary Chairperson. Mike Smedley moved that nominations be closed. It was voted on and the motion carried unanimously". "A motion was made by Richard Leinaweaver that Ann Sanders act as temporary Vice Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously".

Ann Sanders moved to adjourn and the motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 10, 1993 at 7:00pm. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Swille