

MINUTES OF THE GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE -
JANUARY 26, 1994

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Andrews, Brown, Castleberry, Freitas,
Hemmerick, Leinaweaver, Sanders and Smedley

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Crumbaker

GUESTS: (preceding meeting) Mark Achen, (regular meeting) Evelyn
Kyle, Steve Mandel and Sandy Kappes.

*Preceding the regular meeting was a discussion with Mark Achen concerning the hiring of a staff person for the Commission. Near the end of said discussion, Betty suggested that we invite Council members to the scheduled April slide show. Mark said he felt the Council is not sure on how to go about the hiring of a part-time staff person...that they're afraid it's going to generate more work than a part-time position could handle. He suggested the position could be contracted out. In conclusion, he expressed the need to meet 1 more time before he goes to Council. That meeting deciding "contracting out" vs. finding an office and a person for the staff position.

Chairperson Brown called the regular meeting to order.

Betty moved that the minutes of the Dec. 1993 meeting be approved and Phil seconded.

Richard said the Business in Arts Committee would be meeting very soon, so there was nothing to report as yet.

Michael said that Nisley Elementary is beginning its' after school arts program on Mon. Jan. 31st - - - the other 2 schools will start the end of February. Sandra asked when it would be appropriate for Commission and/or Council members to attend a school assembly when the program concludes. Michael said he could notify members of assembly dates later.

Ann began to discuss the Criteria for Grants rewrite. Betty made a motion to table the discussion on the proposal, and just as Phil seconded Michael said he'd like one thing to be discussed and decided NOW - and that was that the Requirements for GJAC Support on pg.3 all be eliminated. Ann responded that these were left in because the state used these. Richard suggested alternative wording could be "any person or entity is eligible". Discussion ensued. Ann said there would be no problem eliminating that page. Richard made a motion that we delete the restrictive requirements listed on pg.3 of the Criteria. Betty seconded, motion passed. Betty then moved that we table the rest of the discussion for Grants until next meeting. Phil seconded, motion passed.

'When Every Child's A Star' was then discussed. The Theatre does 2 productions. The Avalon seats approximately 600 presently.

Dates chosen were the Sat. matinee and evening of the weekend of 1994's Octoberfest. They were requesting us as a sponsor. Attached budget was discussed. Any excess revenue would be used for funding to bring them in the following year. Ann suggested they need to contact a technically and artistically experienced person who would be willing to produce. Richard said when he saw them in another city they were sponsored by a ballet company. Sandra asked if we would assist Sandy K. in finding help, or give her a list of people to ask for sponsorship.... Betty added that they need someone to help run it..... Phil said the Arts Center would want to earn a portion of the monies if they helped. Richard suggested DooZoo as possible sponsor. Sandy has already asked St. Mary's and Norwest Bank for possible sponsorships. Phil volunteered to assist Sandy and Evelyn on pursuing sponsorship.

On the Budget - - City Council approved the budget at \$26,400.00 - - but said not to hesitate if we need more for something else that comes up. Sandra added that the itemized amounts can be adjusted.

As per the staff position - Sandra asked if we had any other feelings on this. There was general disagreement on contracting out the position.

Artist Forum Update - - Michael said the Jan. 17 meeting was poorly attended (9) - something else is needed to get people involved. They are having another meeting Feb. 19 in the Design Room in the Arts Bldg. on the college campus.

Paula reported on the Avalon progress. Mentioned was Pat Gormley's meeting with Mark Achen and the possibility of hiring a consultant on theatre renovation. Gave us an update on the pending purchase of the building.

Steve Mandel thanked the Commission for the recent monies for the Art Center. It was used for signage.

Ann asked what the proper procedure would be to get someone to sit in for her at meetings during a probable sabbatical. Discussion found that she could simply find a replacement and let the Commission know.

Discussion concerning the search for new Commission members included a suggestion from Betty that we find someone from a business. Other suggestions were a minority, an educator - we want a well-balanced group.

Richard moved that we discuss subcommittees at the next meeting and moved that we close. Michael did want to introduce establishing subcommittees for Commission participation.

Next meeting will be held on Wed. Feb. 23rd at 4:00 in Rm. B.
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M. Submitted by, _____