

# MINUTES

## Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Hospitality Suite

**Commissioners Present:** Matt Janson (Chair), Robbie Breaux (Vice Chair) via Teams, Pamela Blythe, Hank Braxtan, Porcia Chen-Silverberg, Ron Cloyd, Julie Mathews, Kelley Raymond, Cynthia Zaitz

**Commissioners Absent:** Robbie Helm

**Others Present:** Emily Krause, Haley Van Camp, Jonathan Wheatley

Chair Matt Janson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Cynthia moved to approve the February 2024 minutes, Porcia Chen-Silverberg seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Zaitz briefly presented on public artwork that inspires her, including local, regional, national, and international artwork.

Representatives from the following organizations gave their final presentations on the events/projects that received funding from the GJCAC in 2023:

AnQi Yu with Junktown Cinema Club, Theresa Kahl with Colorado West Performing Arts Company, Carolyn Andres with Western Colorado Watercolor Society, Blake Unger and Ann Hartter with Museums of Western Colorado, Julie Hoge with Mesa Valley Community School, Lee Borden and Rachel Egelston with The Art Center of Western Colorado, Morgan Anderson with Native American Cultural Programs, Tauma Lee with BAM!, and Miriam Demming with Charisma Chorus.

Matt Janson explained each Commissioner “adopts” a couple of the grant event/projects and attends and provides feedback to those organizations. Haley will email a spreadsheet out to all Commissioners to assign themselves and will also include the template for what Commissioners should be looking for when they attend the event.

### OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was had regarding the Lee Bowerman Petition and Letter that was sent to the Commission. The Commission agreed the best direction would be for the Lee Bowerman Petition contact to reach out to GJ Parks about obtaining a memorial bench. The other agreed upon option would be for the Lee Bowerman Petition contact to approach a non-profit to collaborate with for a project celebrating Lee Bowerman and apply to a future GJCAC grant cycle, that would then be brought to the Commission. It was also clarified that a community member could take the project on as well, but not the City.

Brief discussion was had regarding future grant guidelines. During a couple future meetings, the Commission will work through the application guidelines and the scoring sheet to improve the process.

Kelley Raymond met with Dave Goe with the DDA/GJ Creates regarding GJCAC presence at this year's Market on Main. GJ Creates will have a presence at the market for a few evenings, and it was suggested GJCAC could share that space with them and have a larger booth space. They have a similar plan in hosting an artist each of the evenings, so GJCAC and GJ Creates could work on selecting artists together. It was discussed that the Commission could invite Dave to a future meeting to discuss further.

Due to limited time, the remaining agenda items were tabled for a future GJCAC regular meeting. The next GJCAC regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 24 at 4 p.m. at the Hospitality Suite at Stocker Stadium. Cynthia Zaitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m., and it was seconded by Porcia Chen-Silverberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp