

# MINUTES

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – Hospitality Suite

**Commissioners Present:** Matt Janson (Chair), Robbie Breaux (4:11 Vice Chair), Pamela Blythe, Hank Braxtan, Ron Cloyd, Robbie Helm, Julie Matthews, Kelley Raymond, Cynthia Zaitz

**Commissioners Absent:** Porcia Silverberg

**Others Present:** Scott Beilfuss, Emily Krause, Ken Sherbenou, Haley Van Camp, Jonathan Wheatley

Chair Matt Janson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Pamela Blythe moved to approve the March 2024 minutes, Cynthia Zaitz seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ramona Winkeller with KAFM Community Radio gave a final presentation on the Arts & Culture Entertainment calendar that received funding from the GJCAC in 2023.

Ken Sherbenou gave an overview of roles related to being an advisory board member and the advisory boards related to the GJ Parks and Recreation Department, including the Forestry Board, the Parks and Rec Advisory Board, and the Commission on Arts & Culture. Ken also clarified the relationship between Parks & Rec and the Commission, as Parks & Rec acts through a designated liaison between the Commission and the City.

Discussion was had regarding the onboarding process for the Commission, and that the process could be more effective with clearer guidelines and expectations, especially pertaining to the time commitment of the grant program.

It was suggested that there be a temporary work group or a couple Commission members, someone who has recently joined and someone who has been on the Commission for a few years, to work with staff to develop a more robust onboarding process, including a list of responsibilities and duties.

David Combs with Black Citizens and Friends gave a final presentation on the Juneteenth, Martin Luther King Day, and Black History Month celebrations that received funding from the GJCAC in 2023. He also encouraged the Commission to attend as many arts and culture events as possible.

Haley Van Camp touched on the Commission Work Groups and referenced the Work Group preferences document that was sent to the Commission. Discussion was had regarding the Art in Public Spaces Work Group as the Commission was under the impression that they were no longer responsible for cleaning or maintaining the bronze sculptures. Haley will check in and follow up on this.

### OLD BUSINESS

Haley continued communication on the Commission's potential participation in Market on Main with Dave Goe with the DDA. The GJ Creates leadership team will be meeting in May to determine what dates they will be there, and how it will be programmed (activities, etc.) as the Commission agreed it

made the most sense to attend when GJ Creates is there to create a more visible and engaging booth. GJ Creates will put out a call to artists with info on x amount of spots available for artists and select artists. Haley will follow up with the Commission on the dates GJ Creates will be at the Market. Robbie Breaux mentioned she was on the leadership team and that she can report back as well.

#### **CITY STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES**

Haley updated the Commission on the annual Take Part in Art Event planned for Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event has been promoted using all City marketing strategies and the application for vendors/performers is on the City website and has been sent out to past participants. It was discussed that having an event debrief after the event during one of the future GJCAC meetings would be good in order to continue improving the event.

Haley updated the Commission on Champion for the Arts, explaining that while it is not in the City budget for this year, a new reimagined process/proposal will be brought to the Commission in a future meeting for the Commission to discuss. There was clarification that the City could potentially help fund a plaque or something similar for a Champion for the Arts recipient but can no longer purchase artwork for the recipient.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/UPDATES**

Cynthia Zaitz gave a Commissioner Report on The Art Center's Spring Art Week event.

The next GJCAC regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 4pm at the Hospitality Suite at Stocker Stadium. Ron Cloyd moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. and it was seconded by Pamela Blythe. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp