

MINUTES
Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, Hospitality Suite

Commissioners Present: Matt Janson (Chair), Ron Cloyd (Vice-Chair), Pamela Blythe, Hank Braxtan, Robbie Breaux, Porcia Chen-Silverberg, Julie Mathews, Jan Moorman, Robbie Helm, Kelley Raymond, Cynthia Zaitz, Erica Zajaczkowski

Commissioners Absent: Mark Oldham

Others Present: Scott Beilfuss, Emily Krause, Haley Van Camp, Jonathan Wheatley, Dana

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

Dana spoke in support of Lee Bowerman and encouraged the Commission to consider a way to recognize this well-known and missed artist.

NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Wheatley clarified the Conflict of Interest Statement listed in the GJCAC Grant Criteria and Goals document.

The Commission discussed the 2024 GJCAC grant applications, presentations, qualifications of grant requirements met, and allocation of funds to grant applicants.

Recusals:

Robbie Breaux: Art Center of Western Colorado, GJ Creates, Grand Valley Creative Alliance, Rocky Mountain Public Media

Porcia Chen-Silverberg: Trail Lamp Youth Services/BAM!

Ron Cloyd: Trail Lamp Youth Services/BAM!, Grand Valley Creative Alliance

Matt Janson: Trail Lamp Youth Services/BAM!

Julie Mathews: Geek Parties of the Grand Valley

Kelley Raymond: Mesa County Libraries Foundation

Out of 29 qualified grant applicants, 21 were funded. The grant funding allocation was approved unanimously.

Ron Cloyd moved to re-elect Matt Janson as Chair. Cynthia Zaitz seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Jan Moorman moved to elect Robbie Breaux as Vice Chair. Robbie Helm seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Jan Moorman gave a report on the TEDxGrand Junction 2023 event.

The discussion of the Lee Bowerman petition agenda item was tabled to the next meeting (March 27).

Matt Janson mentioned he would like to discuss improving the onboarding process for new Commissioners at the next meeting.

The Champion for the Arts Discussion, Market on Main continued discussion, Native American Art in future roundabouts/public art, and Grant Guidelines agenda items were also tabled to the next meeting.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

The next regular meeting of the GJCAC will be at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27 at the Hospitality Suite at Stocker Stadium. Ron Cloyd moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m., and it was seconded by Cynthia Zaitz. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp