

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – Hospitality Suite

Commissioners Present: Matthew Janson (Chair), Robbie Breaux (Vice Chair), Scott Beilfuss, Hank Braxtan, Ron Cloyd, Julie Matthews, Porcia Silverberg, Cynthia Zaitz

Commissioners Absent: Pamela Blythe, Kelley Raymond, Robbie Helm

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

Chair Matt Janson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Ron Cloyd moved to approve the May 2024 minutes, Julie Matthews seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

Carolyn Andres with the Western Colorado Watercolor Society and Jonathan Purdy (via Teams), formerly with Horizon Drive Optimists, gave their final grant report presentations.

Discussion was had regarding the Horizon Drive and G Road Roundabout project and the artwork theme. The Commission voiced their concern on the future call for artist's reach and suggested reaching out to the CMU Sculpture department, Molten Gardens, and other local groups to help spread the word. There were also suggestions made to include creative and descriptive words in the project section of the call to inspire artists to push boundaries.

The Commission briefly discussed the updated GJCAC Handbook intro and the changes that were made based on previous discussion with a couple Commission members at a time. Overall, the Commission felt good about the changes and there was a consensus to move forward with them. City staff provided clarification on how the Commission can provide recommendations and informed advice to City Council, one of the responsibilities mentioned in the Handbook. Discussion was had regarding securing a workshop with City Council before the next Cultural Strategic Plan is created/adopted to talk about future arts and culture goals and vision. The Commission also agreed they were interested in giving a formal annual report to City Council with lists of accomplishments, asks, and vision.

Discussion was had regarding the changes to the Grant Guidelines Requirements section. The Commission considered the proposed rule by staff to require organizations that have received funding for three previous consecutive years to sit out for one year. There was a consensus that the Commission would revisit this once based on the number of organizations this will affect, provided by staff.

There was discussion and interest in requesting an increase to the grant amount. Staff will draft a letter and provide information on how to proceed with this.

There was brief discussion regarding the dates the Commission would like to join GJ Creates at the Market on Main and activities they would like to collaborate on. There was a consensus that the Commission would like to be at the Market every other week starting July 11. Staff will communicate

this with Dave Goe with GJ Creates to get on the schedule and will provide a sign up and additional Market details as each date draws closer.

CITY STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Haley gave a brief overview of Colorado Creative Industries and the Summit that's held in a different creative district each year. Haley announced that the next Summit would be held in Grand Junction, May 1-2, 2025, and that she would bring any updates/opportunities to future meetings.

COMMISSION REPORTS/UPDATES

Ron Cloyd gave his commissioner report on the Friends of the GJ Union Depot's Train Day event that took place on May 11. Overall, he felt it was well attended with an engaged and enthusiastic crowd.

Scott Beilfuss referenced the email that was forwarded to the Commission involving Gary Hauschulz's coffee and tea portraits of the unhoused. The Commission came to a consensus that Gary should be encouraged to apply to the public art exhibit program.

The next regular GJCAC meeting will be held Wednesday, July 24 at 4pm at the Parks and Rec Admin office, 1340 Gunnison Ave. Cynthia Zaitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. and it was seconded by Porcia Silverberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp