

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)

Wednesday, September 25 – Hospitality Suite

Commissioners Present: Matthew Janson (Chair), Robbie Breaux (Vice Chair), Scott Beilfuss, Pamela Blythe, Hank Braxtan, Ron Cloyd, Julie Matthews, Kelley Raymond, Porcia Silverberg

Commissioners Absent: Robbie Helm, Cynthia Zaitz

Others Present: Haley Van Camp, Jonathan Wheatley

Chair Matt Janson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Ron Cloyd moved to approve the August 28 meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Porcia Silverberg, and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Brief discussion was had regarding the two proposals that were submitted to the 4th and 5th Street Functional Artwork call. There was a consensus to go with Jeff Bates' proposal. Pamela Blythe moved to select Jeff Bates' proposal for the 4th and 5th Street Functional Artwork call, Julie Matthews seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Miriam Deming gave a final grant presentation on the Charisma Chorus Summer Camp that took place in July, which included a video of the choir singing and pictures from the camp.

Jonathan Wheatley gave an update on the source of funding for the Commission on Arts and Culture Grant Program. As the source for the grant funds has changed and there is a possibility that the budget for the grant will be \$70k or less, brief discussion was had regarding possibilities of the Commission holding a fundraiser for the grant or having an organization(s) donate.

Discussion was had regarding the matrix criteria for the grant and how it can be updated for ease of use and to help stay as objective as possible. Staff will create the first draft based on the discussion, and members can send in more thoughts if they have them. The draft will be brought back at the November special meeting for approval.

Haley Van Camp mentioned an email went out to all arts and culture organizations that were involved in creating the Strategic Cultural Plan and others in the area asking to fill out a form that provides their accomplishments that align with the plan. Commission members will follow up with organizations via email.

CITY STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Haley mentioned that the regular scheduled meeting for October 23 will most likely consist of a presentation about the 1% for the Arts projects for the Community Recreation Center. It was proposed that a special meeting be scheduled in November to review 24 ½ and F ½ Road Roundabout art project proposals and select a proposal as they are not due until Friday, November 1, and there are no regular scheduled meetings for November or December. Haley will send out options and a specific date will be selected via email.

As the Horizon Drive and G Road roundabout art project proposals are due October 4, Ron moved to approve the highest ranked artist of the Horizon Drive and G Road roundabout proposals pending staff review based on technical and logistical issues. Robbie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Haley gave a brief update of the 24 & G Road roundabout with pictures of the completed sculptures and installation, as well as the number of proposals currently submitted for the Horizon Drive and G Rd roundabout (12) and 24 ½ and F ½ roundabout (2). Images were also shown of the 14 completed aRT

murals and it was shared that there is now an interactive map of the murals. It was suggested that staff reach out to Visit GJ to see about integrating the aRT mural map with their interactive map.

Haley also reminded the Commission that the Arts and Humanities Proclamation would be read at the October 2 Council meeting at 5:30 p.m., and all members are welcome to attend. It was also mentioned that the Commission would be at the Market for the last week on September 26, and that applications for new Commissioners are due on October 15.

COMMISSION UPDATES

Matt Janson gave a brief presentation on how being a mentor and working with the youth in the BAM program and seeing how they engage creatively and experimentally inspires him. Matt and Ron mentioned they had attended multiple Chautauqua events and that they were well done and thoroughly enjoyed them.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, October 23 at 4pm at the Hospitality Suite at Stocker Stadium. As there was no further business, Robbie moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m., Ron seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp