

MINUTES
Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)
Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Lincoln Park Barn

Commissioners Present: Ron Cloyd, Matt Janson, Lindsay Jaeger, Erica Zajackowski, Jan Moorman, Kelley Raymond, Porcia Chen-Silverberg, Pamela Blythe

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Others Present: Jonathan Wheatley, Ken Sherbenou, Scott Beilfuss, Sara Spaulding

Chair Matt Janson called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Ron Cloyd moved to approve the minutes of the July 2023, meeting. Pamela Blythe seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Matt Janson provided an update on the discussions with Visit Grand Junction regarding their interest in adding the Visit Grand Junction office located at 740 Horizon Drive to the buildings that the Commission use to display local artwork. A motion to curate the Visit Grand Junction Building utilizing local arts was made by Jan Moorman and seconded by Porcia Chen-Silverberg. Motion pass unanimously

Discussion ensued regarding the selection process for artists for the locations curated by the City and Commission, the capacity of each location, and defining the criteria for art at each location. The following commissioner volunteers to help with assessing the of buildings: Pamela Blythe, 910 Main Street; Jan Moorman, City Hall; Porcia Chen-Silverberg, Convention Center; Ron Cloyd, Avalon Theater. The commission requested that a list of Commission Subcommittee roles be sent out. A review of the current artists lists on the Arts & Culture website was requested to help ensure an accurate list local artist and contact information as in place to support this program (Curated Buildings)

Matt Janson provided an update on the commission's script for outreach events. The commission came to a consensus to use the latest version of the script. The Commission requested a list of 1% for the Arts projects (aka Art in Public Spaces)

Jonathan Wheatley provided an update on the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 4-9pm at Las Colonias event space adjacent to the Butterfly Pond. Kelley Raymond and Councilman Scott Beilfuss volunteered to attend the event, in support of the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the Commission's participation in the Annual Downtown Market on the Main events for 2024 to ensure that artist selection was fair, transparent, and random, whether artists would be allowed to sell at the events or only display. The commission request more information on the space and dates of the 2024 market.

NEW BUSINESS

Sara Spaulding presented the 2024 Grand Junction Calendar finalists to the Commission and provided directions on how to submit their votes. The commission was asked to submit their votes by Monday, August 28 by 5:00 pm.

Matt Janson provided an update on new Commissioners, interviews are scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023.

Matt Janson notified the commission that with the recent resignation of the Vice Chair, the commission will need to select a new vice chair. Pamela Blythe made a motion to nominate Ron Cloyd, and Matt Janson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

The next regular meeting of the GJCAC will be 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the Hospitality Suite at Stocker Stadium. As there was no further business, Ron Cloyd moved to declare the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m., and it was seconded by Erica Zajackowski. Seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Wheatley