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Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)
Wednesday, September 18, 2013, Hospitality Suite, Lincoln Park

Commissioners Present: Miranda Ashman, Randall Cupp, Judy Dyrud, Charity Finnigsmier, Jeremy Franklin, Gisela Flanigan, Jennifer Hancock, Darcy Johnson, Diane Kress Hower, Lancer Livermont, Emily Pfeifer

Others Present: Lorie Gregor

Chair Lancer Livermont called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and thanked Gisela Flanigan, the former Chair, for her service. Lancer said he was honored and delighted to be the new Chair and thanked Diane Hower for accepting the position of Vice Chair and Judy Dyrud for continuing as recording secretary. Randall Cupp moved to approve the minutes of the Aug. 28 meeting without change. Miranda Ashman seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Form: Lorie Gregor said the GJCAC grant application will be posted on Google Docs for proposed revision before next month's meeting. She distributed the documents providing background information on the functions and requirements of our grants. The Goals and Objectives have already been revised and approved. The Commissioners made clarifying changes to the Application Review Criteria, Requirements, and What The Commission Does Not Fund. A distinction was made between "interdisciplinary focus" and "organizational collaboration," both of which are desirable in a grant. Also, it was clarified that a nonprofit organization may apply for funding to engage a single artist in a project that benefits the community. Lorie asked the Commissioners to review at home the applicant's checklist and the event/project evaluation form. Commissioners will bring any suggestions for revision to the next meeting.

The Commissioners agreed that a standard set of questions for applicant interviews could help the grant process, but tabled the framing of questions to a later meeting. They also agreed that GJCAC will consider only clearly written grant proposals that adhere to our requirements. For example, application for a program at any District 51 school must come from the district, not the individuals organizing the program. GJCAC's training workshop for grant applicants will not be required but will be encouraged and publicized on our website.

Art Reception: The City Hall exhibit changes in October. Commissioners volunteered to assist in teardown, hanging the new exhibit, and setting up refreshments for the opening. All were encouraged to attend the opening on Friday, Oct. 4, which will include an awards ceremony and reading of the winning essays from the student essay contest.

Photo Submission: Lorie circulated photos of artwork from an artist who wished to be included in City Hall exhibitions. The Commissioners unanimously denied this request.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Recipients: Lorie reviewed the status of each 2013 grant recipient and requested action by Commissioners to help complete our grant cycle in a timely manner. Commissioners will request final presentations from their adopted organizations according to a proposed schedule for the October, November and January meetings.

Essay Contest Results: Charity Finnigsmier reported on the Sept. 17 Education Committee meeting. Of 13 entries, 3 winners were selected, one from each of the school grade categories. This year's outreach beyond District 51 resulted in several homeschooled entrants. The topic of "What Creativity Means to Me" versus last year's "What Art Means to Me" drew entries with more intellectual content, especially at the high school level. The essay readings will be video recorded. KAFM radio wants to air the 3 winners plus 2 other entrants; the Education committee will meet immediately after this meeting to choose 2 Honorable Mentions for this.

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Grand Valley Art Students League Open Studios: Diane reported that the friendly, welcoming group used the time and space well on the day she attended. However, the low turnout consisting of members and one non-member failed to meet the goal of attracting the public. They did not adequately fulfill the grant requirement of mutual publicity, with very small mention of GJCAC in signage, no GJCAC logo and no links on their website or Facebook. Diane recommended that they collect data on numbers of public attendees. She wondered whether this program could be done with less money.

Public Safety Art: Gisela posted on Facebook photographs of the Sept. 7 police and fire building dedications. The event featured the exterior and interior artworks commissioned with the input of GJCAC, all of which were well received. Police Chief John Camper and Fire Chief Ken Watkins thanked GJCAC for the help in enhancing the public safety complex with the beautiful art. Several Commissioners also attended the Sept. 12 lighting ceremony for the 9/11 memorial sculpture also located at the complex.

Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of GJCAC will be Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite.

As there was no further business, Lancer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Dyrud