

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – Hospitality Suite

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

Commissioners Absent: Robbie Helm, Matthew Janson (Chair)

Others Present: Amy Gibson, Haley Van Camp, Jonathan Wheatley

Vice Chair Robbie Breaux called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Cynthia Zaitz moved to approve the November 20 meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Porcia Silverberg, and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Final grant presentations were given by the following: Shenna Hayden with Museums of the West, Dana Schmidt with The Theatre Project, David Kenworthy with Geek Parties of the Grand Valley, and Mary Watson with TEDxGrand Junction.

With new commissioners on board, members went around the table and introduced themselves.

Discussion was had regarding the philosophy of future grant disbursements and the need for concrete reasons to explain why an organization was not funded if asked. There was a consensus to have a discussion after both days of grant presentations before final scores are submitted prior to the February 26 regular meeting.

Robbie and Amy Gibson volunteered to be on a working group tasked with looking through applications to make sure they are complete before they are sent out to all Commission members. Amended documents or added documents would be allowed if application was submitted by the deadline, January 31, 2025.

Brief discussion was had around changing the meeting time for future GJCAC meetings from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pamela Blythe moved for future meetings to take place 4:30 to 6 p.m. starting February 26, Cynthia seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CITY STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Haley gave a brief update about the Fire Station 7 Call for artists and that it is set to close on Friday, February 7. Proposals will be reviewed by the Commission and GJ Fire Department, and GJCAC will make a recommendation at the February 26 meeting. Haley also gave an update that art contracts for both the 24.5 Road and F.5 Road (now Four Canyons Parkway) and Horizon Drive and G Road roundabouts had been signed and installation will take place in October. Discussion was had regarding the Commission working on a video about both projects to be released after the artwork is installed.

Haley also presented a draft of the Annual Report that includes GJCAC accomplishments from 2024. The Commission made suggestions on other items to add, and those changes will be considered before the final report is submitted to City Council.

COMMISSION UPDATES

The potential of a sculpture garden was mentioned as a future agenda item. As there was no further business, Cynthia moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ron and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp