

# MINUTES

## Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – Hospitality Suite

**Commissioners Present:** Matthew Janson (Chair), Robbie Breaux (Vice Chair), Pamela Blythe, Hank Braxtan, Dora Fang, Julie Matthews, Kelley Raymond, Porcia Silverberg, Cynthia Zaitz

**Commissioners Absent:** Ron Cloyd, Robbie Helm

**Others Present:** Libbie Early, Cody Kennedy, Kristin Mercer, Haley Van Camp, Jonathan Wheatley

Chair Matt Janson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Robbie Breaux moved to approve the January 22 meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Pamela Blythe, and the motion passed unanimously.

### BUSINESS

Haley Van Camp presented three funding scenarios the Commission could use to determine grant allocations. After some discussion and adjustments of the funding scenarios, Cynthia Zaitz moved to approve the tiered funding scenario, Hank seconded the motion, and the motion passed with one abstaining.

Recusals:

Hank Braxtan: Avalon Theatre Foundation

Brief discussion was had regarding the Fire Station 7 Artwork proposals and the CaFE jurying process. Based on the highest score, Robbie moved to recommend artist Seth Weber's proposal. Matt seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With the ending of the current Chair and Vice Chair terms, Matt nominated to elect Robbie Breaux as Chair. Cynthia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Robbie nominated to elect Julie Matthews as Vice Chair. Cynthia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### CITY STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Haley provided an update on the public art exhibits and the need for more artists. Along with the current marketing efforts to receive more exhibit proposals, she suggested collaborating with The Art Center to display artwork from their Permanent Collection to help fill in the gaps when needed. There was brief discussion, and Cynthia moved to approve the collaboration, Kelley seconded, and the motion passed.

### COMMISSION UPDATES

Cynthia and Pamela presented their concept for a sculpture garden and proposed location at Matchett Park. There was discussion regarding the concept and ways it could be improved as well as the best approach to move the concept forward. It was decided it would be best to engage the community and other stakeholders, and have them take the project on. From there, it could be brought back to the Commission for recommendation, and then presented to City Council.

Items such as the Cultural Strategic Plan, final Commission grant reports, and grant adoptions were suggested to be added to the next meeting agenda. As there was no further business, Cynthia moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. The motion was seconded by Robbie, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp