

Commission on Arts and Culture

(Advisory)

Established:

The Commission on Arts and Culture (Arts Commission) was created in 1989 and is an Advisory Board appointed by the City Council. The Grand Junction Parks & Recreation Department serves as the designated liaison for the Arts Commission.

Mission/Purpose:

To help create and nurture a climate and conditions in Grand Junction in which the arts and culture can thrive and grow.

Goals:

- Complete, implement, and periodically revise a community strategic cultural development plan
- Periodically complete an economic impact study of the arts
- Encourage and facilitate cooperation, collaboration, and partnerships with and between the arts community, local government, education, and the business community
- Provide information and education to local artists and arts agencies to enhance funding, management, and marketing skills
- Advise City Council concerning the establishment of arts priorities and criteria for expenditure of public resources
- Increase both private and public resources for the arts

Responsibilities:

- Make recommendations for the selection of art and artists for City projects and initiatives.
 - Examples:
 - Art under the 1 % for the Arts Program, where one percent of the total cost of certain capital improvement projects is dedicated to public art
 - Artists for the rotating Public Art exhibits
 - Awards through the Commission's grant program
- Participate in working groups for the assistance of City events, projects, and programs.
 - Examples:
 - Solicit organizations to participate
 - Market and promote events, projects, and programs
 - Install and deinstall City art exhibits
 - Setup and strike of events
- Provide recommendations and informed advice to the City Council and/or city departments on items related to Arts and Culture.

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- Work with City Staff to provide an annual report to the City Council on the state of the arts in Grand Junction that seeks to define and identify arts and cultural organizations in the community, identifies the services each organization provides; evaluate how well each organization performs, assesses the fiscal health and needs of each organization, determines the communities priority needs in the arts, and devolves a plan to address those needs.
 - Cultural Strategic Plan
 - Economic Impact Report
 - GJCAC Grant Program
 - Council Brief Updates

Membership/Terms:

The Arts Commission consists of nine members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Grand Junction City Council with one City Councilmember to be annually appointed by the City Council. The City Councilmember appointee to the Commission will have full rights of participation and voting on all matters that come before the Commission. At least five members must have acknowledged accomplishment as either amateurs or professionals in one or more of the following fields: architecture, art criticism, art education, art history, choreography, dance, communicative arts, crafts, folk and ethnic arts, literature, media arts, music, opera, painting, photography, sculpture, theater (including community theater), and urban design.