

## MINUTES

### Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, May 27, 2015, Parks and Recreation Office, Lincoln Park

**Commissioners Present:** Gary Ambrosier, Laura Bradley, Elizabeth Brodak, Betsy Dick, Jennifer Hancock, Jeremy Franklin, Marjorie Haun, Darcy Johnson, Lancer J. Livermont, Mary Olkowski, and Emily Pfeifer.

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Lorie Gregor, Allison Sarmo, Traci Wieland

Chair Lancer Livermont called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and Jeremy Franklin moved to approve minutes of the minutes from the April 22, 2015 meeting with no changes. Darcy Johnson seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **New Business**

**Introduction of New Commissioners:** New Commissioners Betsy Dick, Elizabeth Brodak, Mary Olkowski, and Gary Ambrosier introduced themselves, and were welcomed with existing Commissioners.

**Legends Mural Project:** Allison Sarmo explained what will be the final project of the Legends of the Grand Valley, a mural on Main Street, at the intersection of 7th Street. The final price tag of the mural will be \$63,000; the Legends committee is asking the City of Grand Junction for \$10,000. Installation and unveiling will be on April 29, 2016. Questions were asked and answered about the actual contract for the mural, additional lighting, and the material of the mural.

**Los Colonias:** Traci Wieland presented on the different phases of the Los Colonias Park project, including current plans and future options. Ribbon cutting for Phase I will be held on July 11, 2015, and Commissioners will be invited. Grand Junction Symphony is happy with the current size of the amphitheater stage. Questions asked and answered about material of stage (concrete). Will be looking for funding, including a Dept. of Local Affairs grant in the fall cycle (they'll match community raised funding). Will reapply in December if initial grant request isn't approved. Discussion of lighting, security, and sound of amphitheater. The First Phase of Los Colonias provides for \$12,100 for functional artwork. The committee has chosen Jeff Bates from Loma to build 5 bike racks and 6 benches. \$2000 will come from the 1% budget and \$10,100 will come from the construction budget. The Amphitheater's budget is around \$2.5 million, and for the 1% of that (\$25,000) the community is interested in bringing in the historical aspect of the area. Thirdly, if any other restroom/shelters are built, then they too will incur the 1% for the Arts. Professor Steve Schulte of CMU worked with several students to research the history of the area, and the research done will be incorporated into informational plaques throughout the park. The committee would like ideas for the eventual use of the 1% for the Amphitheater from the Commission. Discussion of art around facing of Amphitheater stage.

**Document Sharing:** Lorie reported that the City has decided that the Commission can continue to use Google Docs as its document sharing platform.

#### **Old Business**

**Strategic Plan Update:** Jennifer Hancock reported that the Subcommittee met on Tuesday, May 5 at Trader's Coffee. Main discussion was about date(s) of possible event. Two weekends

(October 17 or 24th) were decided on as possibilities. Jennifer will follow up with CMU to secure a location in Escalante Hall. It was decided that invitees should be allowed time to mingle before breaking into small groups to form subcommittees... event will happen 4-6 p.m. Next subcommittee TBA.

### **Reports and Announcements**

**Take Part in Art:** Saturday, June 20, 9:00-Noon at the Lincoln Park Barn. Flier for event critiqued; Lorie explained more what will happen at the event. Asked Commissioners to spread the word with local arts and cultural organizations. 5 organizations have responded that they are coming. Lorie will send an email with a phone call list... Organizations have had the information but they have not responded.

**Public Art:** Upcoming art space change-outs are Two Rivers at 8:00 a.m., June 15 (tear-down and install), City Hall on June 29 (8:00 a.m. tear-down and move to County Building) and 30 (8:30 a.m. install), with the reception on July 10 (set-up 5:00 p.m., reception from 5:30-7:00 p.m.). Lorie to send email.

### **New GJCAC group photo was taken.**

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at the Parks and Recreation Office, Lincoln Park. As there was no further business, Gary Ambrosier motioned to adjourn at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hancock