

## MINUTES

### Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, June 24, 2015, Parks and Recreation Office, Lincoln Park

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Jeremy Franklin, Emily Pfeifer

**Also Present:** Lorie Gregor, Helen McKinley, Leah Lyon (and guest), Naomi Barlow, and Ed Amos.

Chair Lancer J Livermont called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and Laura Bradley moved to approve minutes of the minutes from the May 27, 2015 meeting with no changes. Darcy Johnson seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **New Business**

**Grand Junction Senior Theater:** Leah Lyon reported on the Senior Theater performances (three performances over March 20-21). 23 cast members aged 50-87, including several new members, performed in the Grand Junction HS auditorium. Although there were continuing issues with sound in the auditorium, 402 people attended the performances. The projected attendance was 300, and the extra \$449.50 will be used for next year's performances. The Commission's grant of \$1500 went to costumes, lighting design, and techs. 26 community volunteers helped with the productions and with promotion.

**Super Rad Art Jam:** Naomi Barlow reported on the recent Super Rad Art Jam, which celebrated 10 years with a retrospective show of ten former students' work. The regular show featured 126 pieces submitted by artists from 4 participating schools. A highlight this year was a donated car that anyone could help decorate with chalk paint and into which art supply donations were stuffed. This year's Best in Show was a "three-peat" student, and Greg Bowan, a local artist, did the blown glass trophies for the award winners. Attendance was better at the opening than at the awards ceremony, and the organization continues to struggle with conflicts with the D51 schedule. The grant amount was \$2400.

**Messiah:** Ed Amos reported on the Easter production of The Messiah. GJCAC was acknowledged in both the program and the flier. With the Commission grant of \$1500, they were able to hire section leaders per the Commission's suggestion, and a clear improvement was seen. They were also able to advertise on two billboards instead of the planned one billboard.

**1% for the Arts / Fire Station #4:** Lorie Gregor reported on the planned Fire Station #4 at D 1/2 Road and 29 Road. \$24,932 is available. The Fire Chief had expressed admiration for a sculpture by Mark Hopkins called "Call of Duty" that was considered for the downtown Fire Station. The Commission voted 8 to 1 (Marjorie Haun) in favor of purchasing the piece for the new Station.

#### **Old Business**

**Los Colonias Proscenium (1% for the Arts):** The Commission discussed general ideas for art appropriate to the wings on the Proscenium. General themes for a call for artists might include: Beet farming, Spanish Trail, Uranium, the River, or Music Quotes. Concern that the art be visible to the whole audience was expressed.

**Reports and Announcements**

**Take Part in Art:** Lorie Gregor reported that the event was a huge success, and that both vendors and the visiting public expressed appreciation and enjoyment. There was discussion about moving it to October next year.

**Public Art:** Upcoming art space change-outs are June 29th at City Hall at 8am (Lancer, Emily, Darcy), hanging on June 30 at 9am (Betsy, Marjorie, Mary, Darcy, and the City Hall reception on July 10th at 5:30pm (Darcy and Gary).

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday July 22, at the Parks and Recreation Office, Lincoln Park. As there was no further business, Gary Ambrosier motioned to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hancock