

LIQUOR AND BEER MEETING  
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY  
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO  
CITY/COUNTY AUDITORIUM, 520 ROOD AVENUE

M I N U T E S

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1998, 8:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was convened at 8:03 a.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Phil Coebergh, Assistant City Attorney John Shaver and Acting City Clerk Christine English.

II. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. Hung Voong dba Golden City Restaurant, 2430 North Avenue, Beer and Wine

The application was in order and approved.

2. Jack R. Sommers, Inc., dba Lincoln Park Golf Course, 1400 Gunnison Avenue, 3.2% Beer

Jack Sommers was present. The application was in order and approved.

III. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. Application by Western Colorado Center for the Arts for a Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Special Events Permit for "Fine Art Auction" on February 21, 1998, from 5:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. to be licensed at Western Colorado Center for the Arts, 1803 North 7th Street

Applicant: Western Colorado Center for the Arts  
President: Linda Kochevar, 145 Sunset Drive, Fruita  
Event Mgr: Rich Helm, 2816 Hawthorne Avenue, Grand Junction

Executive Director Rich Helm and Arts Coordinator Joanna Joslin were present.

Authority (see attached). Mr. Shaver requested some clarification from Mr. Helm to be sure the statutory requirement 12-48-103 had been met. Mr. Shaver asked what other locations had been pursued? Mr. Helm stated inquiries had been made at alternative sites, such as Two Rivers and the Hilton, with the result that they were occupied or no room was large enough to hold the 200 to 250 pieces of art work which will be included in the Art Auction. Mr. Shaver asked for clarification of the term used in the letter 'lack of availability'. Mr. Helm stated the alternative sites did not have the room to hold the number of art works. Mr. Shaver stated the statutory requirement of 12-48-103 had been met.

Mr. Coebergh asked Mr. Shaver to state the statutory requirement. Mr. Shaver quoted state statute 12-48-103, "A special event permit may be issued only upon a satisfactory showing by an organization that other existing facilities are not available or are inadequate for the needs of the organization and existing licensed facilities are inadequate for the purposes of serving members or guests of the organization and that additional facilities are necessary by reason of the nature of the special event being scheduled."

Mr. Coebergh questioned why there seemed to be no other facilities such as Two Rivers or the Hilton, as was mentioned, that would be available? Was the problem the date? Mr. Helm stated the date was selected over a year ago. The art work itself is a fully framed, exhibition of fine art. In order to be

successful in the sale of the art work, a certain venue criteria including lighting and available wall space needs to be met. Mr. Coebergh stated for liquor purposes the statute needs to be met. Mr. Coebergh stated the lack of availability of existing facilities which would be large was difficult for him to accept. Mr. Coebergh realizes the lighting would be a factor but that is not a liquor issue. Mr. Helm stated the most appropriate site was chosen. Also, the cost of a facility was a factor since the purpose of the event is to raise money.

Mr. Shaver stated the statute was met through the testimony of Mr. Helm. The existing facilities were inadequate through availability, lighting and size; also because of the cost factor involved in renting a facility.

The application was in order and approved.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** - February 4, 1998



1803 North Seventh Street  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

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City of Grand Junction  
Licensing Authority  
250 North 5th Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

To the Licensing Authority:

The Western Colorado Center for the Arts respectfully requests the approval of a Special Events Permit for a "Fine Art Auction" to be held at the Art Center, 1803 North 7th Street, Grand Junction, on Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998, from 6:00-10:30PM. This fundraising activity supports ongoing educational and cultural programs that are beneficial to our community.

The nature of this event requires a venue suitable for the exhibition of a large body of art work; a need that few other facilities in Grand Junction can accommodate. Suitable, alternative locations have been pursued, including the Country Inn, Two Rivers Convention Center, White Hall, and the Hilton Hotel, but lack of availability and cost issues have proven the use of an alternative location impractical.

As a result, the Western Colorado Center for the Arts requests permission to host this event in their own facility, and that we be granted a Special Events Permit for this cause.

Thank you for your consideration and support for our efforts.

Sincerely,

Richard Helm  
Executive Director

cc: Dan Wilson, City Attorney