

AVALON THEATER: Andrews reported that architect Ed Chamberlin had shown the Avalon Committee the blueprints of Phase 1 of the renovation project, noting that this includes new bronze letters spelling "Avalon Theater" on the front of the building, which the Commission might consider funding. Andrews also suggested the Commission consider spearheading a valley-wide high school theater play competition annually with the winner getting to perform their production at the Avalon.

BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARD: A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Kiefer, to pay Summer Wisel half (\$1300) of the money owed to her for two bronze statues she is casting for the Commission to use as the 1995 business awards. The motion carried unanimously. Sarmo noted that to date no nominations have been received for this year's award, and Leinaweaver will contact Jeff Wendland asking him to contact everyone who submitted a nomination last year.

COMMISSION RETREAT: The retreat was scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Ursula Hemmerich, 388 Rodell, in the Heather Ridge Subdivision, on the Redlands.

A motion was made by Killgore, seconded by Andrews, to ask the City Council to change the date of appointments of members to the Commission from February to May in order to run concurrently with the newly elected City Council members and the Council's appointee to the Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Leinaweaver noted a book entitled *ArtsBoards: Creating a New Community Equation* recommended in this month's *State of the Arts* magazine which the Commission should order, and a new grant program for innovative artists from the Colorado Federation of the Arts. The annual Colorado Arts Consortium Conference will be September 22-24 in Steamboat Springs this year. He also reported that he had met with the Missoula Children's Theater committee.

Hemmerich reported that the dates for the Marsha Thomas Chamber Music Festival have been changed to August 24-26. Entertainment, as well as workshops for kids, will be offered.

Sarmo read a proposed letter to U. S. Senators Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Hank Brown, and Representative Scott McInnis asking them to support continued funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Public Radio, and the Institute of Museum Services. The consensus of the Commission was to approve and sign the letters in support of these federal programs and agencies.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Leinaweaver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo, Cultural Arts Coordinator