GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 1995

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Paula Andrews Peter Ivanov Ursula Hemmerich Karen Kiefer Jeanne Killgore

Richard Leinaweaver Phil Rogers

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Janet Terry, Ann Sanders OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Sarmo, Cultural Arts Coordinator

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Richard Leinaweaver called the meeting to order at 4:00 As there were no additions or corrections to the meeting agenda or to the p.m. minutes of the previous meeting of May 24, 1995, Chair Leinaweaver declared the agenda and minutes approved as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Leinaweaver noted receipt of several model ordinances from Austin and Dallas, Texas, and Sarasota, Florida instituting an Art in Public Places program through a percent for the arts designation on capital construction/renovation projects. Dallas designates 1.5% and Austin designates 1% of the cost of all City capital construction projects for the purchase of artwork. Sarasota also requires all private commercial developers to designate .5% of the cost of construction or substantial renovation toward the purchase of artwork or a contribution to a public art fund. All these administer their programs through an art commission or committee appointed by the City Council or Parks and Recreation Board. These are similar to the State of Colorado's Art in Public Places program.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Sarmo distributed the monthly coordinator's report and the monthly financial report of expenditures to date. She distributed information and invitations to various upcoming cultural events around town and other items of interest.

AVALON THEATER REPORT: Andrews reported that the Avalon is closed for renovation until October 3, and the official renovation groundbreaking is at 9:00 a.m., June She noted the committee is still pursuing additional grants and private 29. funding and may "sell" bricks.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Andrews reported that she approached the Parks Board with the Commission's concern regarding bicycle and other access to the 24 and G Road park and it is already being pursued in the design phase.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: Ivanov reported that the Andy Frisinger can help the Commission with thirty minutes per month of possible promotional spots and/or arts reports on KREX TV. Ivanov has also been working with Melissa Schmidt of the Daily Sentinel. The Commission needs to decide what information to provide through these media connections.

MURAL COMMITTEE: Killgore reported that the mural project is on hold at the

moment. She and Sarmo discussed the mural idea with several people at a recent meeting and there was not much enthusiasm for such a project. Hemmerich passed around pictures she had taken of the Montrose murals. Leinaweaver passed around information and pictures of murals in other states. Ivanov raised the question of hiring a nationally known mural artist.

PLANNING TASK FORCE MEETING: Sarmo and Leinaweaver reported on the June 14 meeting attended by nine representatives of major local arts agencies to discuss forming a long range cultural planning task force which would meet on a quarterly basis. The group decided that it did not wish to pursue long range cultural planning but that quarterly meetings hosted by each of the organizations in turn to discuss mutual issues would be a benefit. It was decided to also invite representatives from School District 51 and local private promoters to the next meeting which Michael Gerlach volunteered to host at the college. Items discussed at the meeting included coordination of cultural events planning and distribution of the Commission's calendar, cultural facilities, starting an arts council and the difference between arts councils and arts commissions, fundraising, and a percent for the arts program.

SLIDE PRESENTATION: Kiefer and Rogers will present a slide show about art and cultural activities and facilities to the Fruitvale Lions Club at 7:00 p.m., July 10, at Two Rivers Convention Center.

A Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for 1:00 p.m., July 5, in the Commission office. Nominations for the annual Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts were discussed, with Dave Davis' Art on the Corner and David Cox's Mesa State College theater sets mentioned as possibilities. Nominations for the Colorado Arts Consortium's "Arts are the Heart" Award were discussed, with David Cox, Perry Carmichael, and Marsha Thomas mentioned as possibilities. Decisions on both of these will be made at the next meeting.

Thank you letters for Commission donations were read from the C*ASTA String Camp and the Museum of Western Colorado. A letter was read from the Marsha Thomas Chamber Music Festival Committee stating that the festival has been postponed until May or June, 1996, and asking how to handle the \$800 already donated to the festival by the Commission. Hemmerich noted that the festival organizers are committed to doing the festival but that the timing had become a problem for several reasons. Killgore moved, Hemmerich seconded, that the Marsha Thomas Chamber Music Festival Committee keep the \$800 granted to them in escrow and that the contract between the Commission and the Committee be amended to include the new date of the festival in May or June, 1996. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion of the proposed outdoor amphitheater to be built in the new park at 24 and G Roads. Sarmo noted that the Downtown Development Authority has for some time been discussing an amphitheater located downtown. Killgore noted that the 24 and G Road site would be accessible and provides adequate parking. Leinaweaver and Ivanov asked about the specifics of the proposed facility, noting that just a small stage with a roof would be of little use. Ivanov suggested that if that is the case the money might be better spent on a portable amphitheater which could be placed in any park or other location as needed. The need for acoustical provisions such as a band shell for concerts was noted. The proximity to the tennis courts and ballfields was noted as a potential noise problem. The size and proposed use were questioned by several Commissioners and Sarmo will investigate.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Leinaweaver declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo, Cultural Arts Coordinator