

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,

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