

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE
MINUTES of the MONTHLY MEETING & ANNUAL RETREAT
Wednesday, June 26, 1996

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Perry Coyle, Karen Kiefer, Jeanne Killgore, Peter Ivanov,
Richard Leinaweaver, Phil Rogers, and Ann Sanders.

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Ursula Hemmerich

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held at 3:00 p.m. on the above date. Chair Karen Kiefer called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Killgore, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Leinaweaver, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on May 22, 1996 as written and mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES: The Commission discussed the advantages and disadvantages of appointing members as liaisons to attend meetings of other community organizations, and discussed other options for staying informed and maintaining ties with other groups. Sanders moved and Leinaweaver seconded that the Commission appoint its members to take responsibility for important information or issues from other selected community entities. The motion carried with four in favor, one opposed, one abstained. Killgore moved and Sanders seconded that the Mural Committee be eliminated except on an as needed basis. The motion carried unanimously. Leinaweaver moved and Coyle seconded that a liaison to the Avalon Theater Committee be appointed. The motion carried unanimously. It was recommended that the next quarterly meeting, as well as the October Roundtable meeting, include a discussion about the ArtReach program and the annual Business in the Arts awards. The chair appointed the following liaisons and committee members (the chair is a member of all committees according to the by-laws):

School District 51 - Perry Coyle

GJ City Council - Allison Sarmo

Chamber of Commerce - Perry Coyle

GJ Visitor's and Convention Bureau - Peter Ivanov

Downtown Development Authority - Perry Coyle

GJ Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Phil Rogers

Avalon Theater - Ann Sanders

Trend Benders Arts/Recreation Task Force - Richard Leinaweaver, Phil Rogers

ArtReach Committee: Karen Kiefer, Phil Rogers

Budget & Finance Committee: Karen Kiefer, Richard Leinaweaver, Phil Rogers

Business in the Arts Committee: Karen Kiefer, Ursula Hemmerich, Jeanne Killgore,
Richard Leinaweaver, and Ann Sanders

Media Committee: Karen Kiefer, Peter Ivanov, Richard Leinaweaver

REPORTS: Update on proposed new performing arts facility at Mesa State College: Ivanov reported that he wants to have a reception for the new in-coming president after "The Fantasticks" and would like numerous people from the arts community to attend. Two members of the Colorado State College Board of Directors are coming to tour the Walter Walker facility and assess the situation. Ivanov will keep the Commission informed. Leinaweaver reported that the original master plan for a new recreation center included a small theater space, and some people in the Trend Benders Arts/Recreation Task Force recommend returning to that idea.

Sarmo reviewed the Cultural Arts Coordinator's Report and Financial Report for June. Sarmo reported that Kitty Nicholason at Pyramid Printing is designing a new cover for the *SourceBook* directory and that Karl Nicholason has offered to donate a drawing. Several of Nicholason's drawings were discussed. Sanders moved and Killgore seconded that the Commission use the drawing of the woman for the front cover of the *SourceBook*. The motion

carried unanimously.

Ivanov reported that KJCT is very interested in reviewing the tape of the previous "Art Happenings" spots on KREX and in discussing a possible replacement. Ivanov also reported that two new television stations are coming to Grand Junction, one is a PBS affiliate and the other possibly an NBC affiliate. Sarmo noted there may be two PBS stations here soon.

Kiefer reported that 32 artists exhibited a total of 79 pieces of artwork in the recent Home Builders "Parade of Homes", pointing out a need for some type of artists showcase.

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Minutes of the last retreat were reviewed as a follow-up on the ideas generated at that time. There was a discussion about the Commission's information table at the recent Art on the Corner Arts and Jazz Festival, and the comments and complaints from participating artists heard by Commission members. It was decided to send a letter to the Downtown Development Authority/Downtown Association informing them of the numerous comments, the Commission's willingness to help improve the event, and the Commission's reluctance to continue to contribute to the event unless some changes are made.

The Commission's mission, goals and objectives were reviewed to determine if they are all being adequately addressed. There was a discussion of the definition of the word "culture". Sanders and Sarmo explained that "culture" had been added to the name in order to be inclusive rather than exclusive, which is often a problem in the arts. Leinaweaver recommended the Commission delete "culture" from their name because it is too ambiguous and too inclusive. Killgore moved and Sanders seconded that the Commission's name remain as it is, but Leinaweaver stated that motions during the retreat portion of the meeting are inappropriate, so Killgore withdrew her motion. It was decided to leave the Commission's title as is.

There was a discussion of the need to continue sponsoring workshops for local artists and to consider doing workshops for local arts organizations such as how to set up a box office system or how to formulate a publicity campaign. The up-coming Roundtable of arts organizations was discussed and the possibility of opening it up to any nonprofit organizations. Sarmo will contact arts organizations and find out what workshops are of interest to them.

Instituting a 1% for the Arts program with the City was discussed. Revision of the by-laws to eliminate selection of a Commission secretary was discussed. Leinaweaver moved and Rogers seconded that section IV, number 3 be struck from the Commission's by-laws. The motion failed with one in favor, four opposed, and one abstained. Leinaweaver noted a misspelling of the word "quorum" in Article V of the by-laws which Sarmo will correct.

There was a discussion of the Commission's re-granting program, the Business in the Arts awards process, utilizing on-line E-mail, and the statewide Economic Impact of the Arts study being done by the Colorado Arts Consortium. Several items were earmarked for further investigation at future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator