## CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES Wednesday, August 28, 1996

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ursula Hemmerich Karen Kiefer Jeanne Killgore Peter Ivanov COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Phil Rogers COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Perry Coyle

**OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Sarmo, Cultural Arts Coordinator** 

Richard Leinaweaver Ann Sanders Bill Whaley

The regular meeting of the Commission on Arts and Culture was held at 4:00 p.m. on the above date. Chair Kiefer called the meeting to order. The Commission welcomed new member Bill Whaley. A motion was made by Leinaweaver, seconded by Ivanov, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Leinaweaver, seconded by Killgore, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on June 26, 1996 as written and mailed. The motion carried unanimously. Because the July meeting lacked a quorum it was unofficial and notes from that meeting did not need formal approval.

ARTS ROUNDTABLE: Preparations for the October 19 Arts Roundtable were discussed. Sarmo noted that John Dandurand, Executive Director of the Colorado Arts Consortium had asked to attend and offered to be included on the program at no charge to the Commission. Sanders moved and Killgore seconded that arts councils and organizations in surrounding communities be invited to attend the mini-conference for an appropriate fee. The motion carried unanimously. Sarmo will send out invitations and a press release in mid-September.

SUPPORT FOR ARTS EVENTS/PROJECTS/PROGRAMS: Sarmo said she has not received a signed contract from the Riverside Task Force, but had sent Linda Villa two letters and two copies of the necessary papers. She asked if anyone knew whether the August 6 - 17 "Fun in the Summer" children's festival actually took place. It was thought that this festival did occur. The Commission and City Council approved \$500 for arts and crafts supplies and instructors but no funds have been paid. No action will be taken until a contract is executed.

The Commission's funding allocation to the Western Colorado Chorale was discussed. Sarmo explained that they had applied for funds "to offset the costs of a 27 piece orchestra" for a performance November 23, and the Commission and City Council had approved \$500, but that subsequently that concert has become part of the GJ Symphony's regular season and is no longer a Western Colorado Chorale function or expense. To date no money has been paid to the Chorale. Leinaweaver moved and Hemmerich seconded that Sarmo send a letter to the Western Colorado Chorale stating that due to the change in the project from the original application and because the Chorale is not sponsoring the performance, the Commission can no longer help underwrite the performance. The motion carried unanimously. (Subsequent note: The GJ Symphony's concert is "The Requiem" and the Western Colorado Chorale's concert which the Commission approved funding for is "The Creation". Performance of "The Creation" has been postponed from November 23, 1996 to March 14, 1997. An addendum to the contract between the Commission and the Chorale for the new date will be executed and the funds paid in March.)

**REPORTS:** The Cultural Arts Coordinator Report for August and Financial Report for expenditures to date were distributed. Sarmo reported on a quarterly meeting of staff members from several local arts organizations in the Commission's office earlier in the day.

Media Committee: Ivanov and Leinaweaver reported that a tape of the KREX-TV "Art Happenings" news spots has been delivered to KJCT-TV.

C.D. Smith Mural Project: Sarmo reported that Requests for Proposals have been sent to area muralists with a submission deadline of September 16.

Business in the Arts Committee: Kiefer appointed Killgore committee chair and a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 12 at 4pm in the Commission's office. Sarmo noted that she will be out of town at the Colorado Arts Consortium Conference in La Junta but will leave the committee folder on her desk for reference.

Trend Benders Arts & Recreation Task Force: Leinaweaver reported that a grant is being applied for to provide funding for a central ticket/event information office.

Parks Advisory Board: Sarmo reported that Rogers attended the August Parks Board meeting but said there was not much to report.

Kiefer appointed new Commissioner Bill Whaley to the ArtReach and Media Committees.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE: A letter was read from the Partnership to Reduce School Crowding Committee asking if the Commission is interested in hearing an informational presentation. The consensus was to invite the committee to speak at the next meeting. Leinaweaver moved and Killgore seconded that the Commission on Arts and Culture voice their support for the pending School District 51 bond issue on the November ballot, if this is legally permissible. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo Cultural Arts Coordinator