

Sarmo noted a need to address two difficulties, having to finalize payments to organizations by the end of the City's fiscal year for events which will not take place until spring and cancellation of two events that were awarded funding in 1996. The possibility of having more than one grant cycle during the year was mentioned but generally rejected. Sanders suggested some type of ranking system or prior approval from the City Council to grant funding at the end of the year to organizations who had applied for grants but not received full funding, if other events are canceled and additional money then becomes available. Whaley moved, and Sanders seconded, that the Commission's criteria be amended to include the statement that events, projects, and programs must take place by December 31 of each year. The motion carried unanimously. Sanders moved, and Rogers seconded, that if there are any regranting monies not allocated by the end of the year, the Commission shall review the original grant applications for further funding. The motion carried unanimously. The consensus of the Commission was to only accept one application for funding per organization.

A letter was read from the Museum of Western Colorado noting cancellation of the April, 1997 Cowboy Poetry Gathering, for which the Commission approved \$1,500 in funding. The Museum asked if their contract with the Commission could be amended to transfer the \$1,500 award to the 1997 Grand River Indian Artists Gathering instead. It was noted that the Commission's policy is not to allow organizations to radically change the projects or events for which they receive funding approval. Whaley moved, and Ivanov seconded, that permission to amend the Museum's contract be denied. The motion carried unanimously.

Utilizing the now unallocated \$1,500 for performing arts programs for children was discussed, with the idea of purchasing tickets for the economically disadvantaged. Sanders moved, and Ivanov seconded, that the Commission contribute \$750 to help pay for children unable to afford admission to see Performing Arts Conservatory's "Alex in Numberland" which is touring area elementary schools in January, and that the Commission contribute \$750 to purchase tickets for the Doo Zoo's production of Missoula Children's Theatre play at the end of January, to be distributed through Partners, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts. The motion carried, five in favor and Phil Rogers abstaining.

CULTURAL ARTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT: The Coordinator's monthly report was distributed and reviewed. Sarmo asked permission to purchase the 1997-1998 edition of the *Colorado Grants Guide*, at a cost of \$98, to replace the 1995-1996 edition which the Commission bought and placed at the Mesa County Public Library. The consensus was to purchase the guide. Discussion of 1996 and 1997 projects was postponed until the January meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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