



Commissioners questioned the school district's willingness to help with the necessary funding. Kohles indicated many schools would provide matching funds, and Skinner noted that the district funds the Art Heritage program, which accounts for the majority of her time as volunteer coordinator, although Art Heritage classes themselves are taught by volunteers.

**BY-LAW AMENDMENTS:** A resolution amending the Commission's by-laws was distributed to all Commission members, to satisfy the current by-law requirement that any amendments be given to members in writing ten days prior to adoption. Sarmo noted that the City Council is expected to adopt the resolution at their meeting February 5, 1997.

**BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARDS:** The Business in the Arts Awards Committee noted receipt of four nominations of local businesses for this year's awards. In the corporate category, the Grand Junction Musical Arts Association nominated City Market for nineteen seasons of financial support and for being symphony concert underwriters for more than a decade. In the small business category, the Mesa State College Drama Club nominated Taco Johns for over twenty years of donations, the Doo Zoo Children's Museum nominated Duraclean Carpet Care for providing several free carpet cleanings, and the Mesa State College Theatre Department nominated Grand Dry Cleaners for providing free dry cleaning for all play productions over the last year and a half. The committee recommended that the 1997 Business in the Arts Awards be given to City Market and Taco Johns. A motion was made by Whaley, seconded by Hemmerich, to accept the committee's recommendations and award City Market and Taco Johns. The motion carried unanimously. Kiefer will contact Tony Prinster about setting up an award ceremony.

Hemmerich noted that the Mesa County Public Library's Big Kids Spelling Bee is coming up and Commissioners should think about whether or not to sponsor, and/or be on, a team.

The Commission said good-bye to retiring board members Ann Sanders and Perry Coyle. Sanders was recognized and congratulated for having served seven years and for being the last charter member of the original 1990 Arts Commission appointees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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