## CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES January 22, 1997

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Perry Coyle Ursula Hemmerich Karen Kiefer Jeanne Killgore Peter Ivanov Phil Rogers Ann Sanders Bill Whaley

OTHERS PRESENT: Deniese Kohles (Art Experiences for Children) and Linda Skinner (School District 51)

The regular meeting of the Commission on Arts and Culture was held at 4:10 p.m. on the above date. Chair Kiefer called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Ivanov, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously. With regard to the minutes, Sarmo noted that the City Manager recommended identifying any member who abstains and recording the exact vote whenever it is not unanimous. A motion was made by Ivanov, seconded by Rogers, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on December 19, 1996, with an amendment on page 2, in the last sentence in paragraph 3, which should read "The motion carried, five in favor and Phil Rogers abstaining." The motion carried unanimously.

ONE PERCENT FOR THE ARTS: The Commission reviewed the proposed 1% for the Arts ordinance and made several modifications. A motion was made by Whaley, seconded by Rogers, to authorize the Cultural Arts Coordinator to present the amended 1% for the Arts ordinance to the City Attorney for review and then to the City Council for adoption. The motion carried unanimously.

ARTS EDUCATION: Coyle reported that he contacted the Chamber of Commerce and arranged to do a live auction of several pieces of artwork during the annual Chamber banquet the end of January, in addition to the traditional silent art auction, with the proceeds to go to School District 51's Art Heritage program.

Coyle also tendered his resignation from the Commission, effective the first of February, noting lack of time, business and travel constraints.

Deniese Kohles and Linda Skinner presented the idea of building a partnership between the Art Experiences for Children Committee and the school district, and their desire to submit an application for funding an arts education program which would be district wide. The intent would be to expand on the successful programs already in place through the Art Experiences with Children Committee in four local schools. Kohles noted that Shelledy, Nisley, Columbine, and Lincoln Orchard Mesa are doing arts education programs or classes this year, with Commission funding, and that Fruitvale, Wingate, Scenic, and Tope are also interested. She stated that a district wide effort, patterned after Art Heritage (which offers a class monthly in the elementary schools about a famous artist) might encourage participation by more schools. Sarmo noted that she suggested they talk to the Commission about this idea before beginning work on such an extensive grant application, to determine the Commission's willingness to consider a larger than normal funding request. Commission members indicated their amenability to consider such an application, making it clear that this was not a promise of funding. 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,

Allison Cowan Sarmo Cultural Arts Coordinator