CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 26, 1997

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: LeRoy Donegan Peter Ivanov Ursula Hemmerich Bill Reidy Karen Kiefer Priscilla Rupp COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jeanne Killgore, Phil Rogers, Bill Whaley OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Quimby and Maryo Ewell (Colorado Council on the Arts)

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. As there were no additions or corrections to the meeting agenda, the chair declared it approved. A motion was made by Ivanov, seconded by Reidy, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on February 26, 1997, as written and mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

COLORADO COUNCIL ON THE ARTS: Maryo Ewell, Associate Director of the Colorado Council on the Arts, and Jane Quimby, board member of the Council, updated the Commission on Council issues and budget. Ewell explained that three quarters of CCA's funding comes from the Colorado state legislature and one quarter from the National Endowment for the Arts, and that the Joint Budget Committee of the state legislature is recommending CCA receive \$1.2 million in funding for grants for next year, with \$600,000 to go to grants for the Denver metro area and \$600,00 to go to all other areas of the state. Ewell said that the JBC is also recommending CCA cut its staff of eleven people by one third. Quimby noted that there has also been discussion of eliminating the Council, similar to the discussion at the national level of eliminating the NEA. Ewell noted that the Arts Commission received \$4,000 in CCA funding this year, one of the few applicants to received full funding, and that the Commission's grant, which will re-grant funds to support local arts and culture events and programs, may be used as model for other areas of the state. She explained that the idea of CCA's giving funding to a local arts council or commission to re-grant is both efficient and increases local control of the money.

CULTURAL ARTS COORDINATOR REPORT: The Coordinator distributed her report for the month of March and reviewed with the Commission the various proposed projects and calendar for 1997, and what the time line and various duties included. Sarmo noted that financial reports would be quarterly rather than monthly, in the future. Sarmo also noted with regard to the Commission's \$2,000 grant to the Western Colorado Center for the Arts for May Art Week that the Art Center might receive additional funding from another source, which would alter information included in their application to the Commission, and that they would attend the Commission's April meeting to discuss this circumstance and whether this would cause a change in the Commission's funding allocation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1997: Ivanov moved, and Hemmerich seconded, that Karen Kiefer be elected chairperson of the Commission for a second term. The motion carried unanimously. Ivanov moved, and Rupp seconded, that Bill Whaley be elected vice-chairperson

of the Commission. The motion carried unanimously. Standing committees were discussed and each Commissioner was asked to give the chair a list of their preferences for committee and/or liaison service. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

REPORTS: Media Committee: Ivanov reported that the new PBS TV channel 18 will be doing regular local arts and cultural events promotions of some kind in the future.

COLORADO ARTS CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE: Hemmerich, Kiefer, Reidy, and Rupp volunteered to serve on the conference planning committee for the Colorado Arts Consortium statewide conference being held in Grand Junction September 12, 13, and 14, and a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the C. D. Smith building conference room.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letters for financial support were read from the Museum of Western Colorado, the Celtic Society, Columbus Elementary School, and the Performing Arts Conservatory. A thank you letter was read from Tony Prinster for City Market's Business in the Arts Award.

BIG KIDS SPELLING BEE: Reidy and Rupp volunteered to join Hemmerich who is captaining an Arts Commission team at the Mesa County Library's Big Kids Spelling Bee April 19 from 1 - 5pm. Hemmerich noted that the *Daily Sentinel* will again sponsor the Commission's \$100 entry fee, so participation will be at no cost to the Commission.

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