

GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE
MINUTES
Wednesday, August 27, 1997

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: LeRoy Donnegan Bill Reidy
 Ursula Hemmerich Phil Rogers
 Jeanne Killgore Bill Whaley
 Peter Ivanov

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Karen Kiefer, Priscilla Rupp

OTHERS PRESENT: Shawn Cooper, GJ Parks Planner

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Vice-chairman Bill Whaley called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. It was noted for the record that due to the potential lack of a quorum, the regular meeting scheduled for July 23, 1997 had been canceled. A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Reidy, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of June 25, 1997 as written. The motion carried unanimously. As there were no additions or corrections to the meeting's agenda, the Vice-chair declared the agenda approved.

ONE PERCENT FOR THE ARTS TRAIL PROJECT: The Commission reviewed slides and sketches of three works of art submitted for purchase in response to the Commission's "Call for Entries" for the new trail project from Fifth Street to the Orchard Mesa Pedestrian Bridge. Local artists Mary Zimmerman, Damian Radice, and Piera Kallanxhja and Lynn Mitrision submitted sculpture. The Coordinator reported that the Commission's statue "Swing Low" installed at Canyon View Park had been recently vandalized but only the anchoring bolts broken. Potential vandalism problems with artwork along the new trail and with the three entries were discussed. Possible locations for the art were discussed with Shawn Cooper, the consensus of the Commission being that the Parks Planner should chose the location he thinks best, keeping the vandalism potential in mind. A motion was made by Reidy, seconded by Donegan, to purchase the bronze statue "Play Ball" by Damian Radice at a cost of \$2100. The motion carried unanimously.

COLORADO ARTS CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE: The Coordinator reviewed last minute details for the upcoming Consortium conference at the Hilton September 12, 13, and 14 and signed up volunteers for various jobs, noting that all Commission members except Rogers, who would be out of town, were registered for the conference sessions.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's monthly reports for July and August were distributed and discussed. A thank you letter was read from the Performing Arts Conservatory for the Commission's financial support.

Donegan presented two letters drafted by Rogers to go out to all presenting arts organizations and to local human services organizations about starting a new ArtReach program to get donated tickets and admissions for cultural events to low income and disadvantaged populations. The letters were reviewed and revised and a motion was

made by Rogers, seconded by Killgore, to approve and mail the letters. The motion carried unanimously.

Rogers reported that he would be unable to attend the September 9 lunch meeting of Trend Benders and the Coordinator volunteered to do so.

Ivanov asked if Grand Junction has a film commission, saying that he was getting calls at the college regarding video and movie productions, possible actors, etc. Sarmo said she thought Lana Turrou was the local contact and she would check on this. Ivanov volunteered, as Media Committee chairman, to arrange for television coverage of the Consortium conference.

NEW BUSINESS: The Coordinator noted that Chris Hazen from Telluride contacted her asking if the Commission is interested in participating in a program of training in web page development and use of the Internet. Hazen has secured a grant to teach arts organizations how to design and update their own home page, and that the grant would also fund the server fee for the Commission for one year. The training would be done in Grand Junction, at the convenience of the Commission, but the Commission would have to pledge to also train one other local arts organization. Sarmo said she does not have sufficient time to take on a new project, asking if any board members might be interested in pursuing this offer. Bill Whaley and Ursula Hemmerich volunteered. Sarmo will check with the City Communications Director about access to the Internet and whether or not the City already has a web page. Bill Whaley will contact Chris Hazen.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the Vice-chair adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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