

GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE  
MINUTES  
March 18, 1998

Commissioners Present:	Seth Brown	Jeanne Killgore
	Beth Buys	Bill Reidy
	LeRoy Donegan	Priscilla Rupp
	Karen Kiefer	Dennis Woodrich
	Peter Ivanov	

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Donegan, seconded by Reidy, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on February 25, 1998. The motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** After some discussion and a request for volunteers, a motion was made by Brown, seconded by Woodrich, that Peter Ivanov be nominated as chairman of the Commission for the next year and that Jeanne Killgore be nominated as vice-chair, and that they be elected by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously. A list of Commission committees and Commission liaisons assignments to other local organizations was distributed, and the duties of each were reviewed extensively for the new members. Commissioners were asked to write down their committee and liaison preferences and return these to the new chairman for appointment.

**COLORADO COUNCIL ON THE ARTS:** There was a discussion about what grant project to apply for through the Colorado Council on the Arts, whether to continue to request funds to augment the Commission's regrating program or to request funds to supplement the expense of bringing the Artrain traveling art museum to Grand Junction in 1999. Information on Artrain was distributed and Brown, Kiefer, Killgore, Rupp, and Woodrich volunteered to serve on a new Artrain Committee. A motion was made by Donegan, seconded by Brown, to apply for a grant of \$7,000 to augment the Commission's City funded regrating program in support of local art and cultural events, projects, and programs. The motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** The Coordinator suggested donating the Commission's fund raising video "Speaking of Money" to the public library because to date only two arts organizations have asked to use it, and making it available through the library might afford wider circulation to other area non-profits as well. A motion was made by Rupp, seconded by Ivanov, to donate "Speaking of Money" to Mesa County Public Library. The motion carried unanimously.

Thank you letters were read from the Western Colorado Botanical Society, the Downtown Association, the Institute of Dancing Arts, and Dance Works, and a verbal thank you was relayed from the Thunder Mountain Camera Club for their grant award.

Ivanov discussed the recent elimination of \$1 million in funding for the Mesa State College performing arts facility by the Joint Budget Committee of the Colorado General Assembly. Ivanov reported MSC's president asked that nothing be done by way of a major community lobbying effort at this point because the college administration is working with the state legislators to revise and restructure the project. Sarmo related her communication with Representatives Matt Smith and Gayle Berry, and Smith's belief that a revised plan for the facility would have a good chance of future state funding, but probably nothing this year.

An Arts Expo Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m. Numerous possible Arts Expo logo designs from students of Bruce Manchee's UTEC computer

graphics class were reviewed, but it was decided not to make a decision about the logo until the April 16 meeting.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: The Coordinator distributed her monthly report for March and reported on the Colorado ArtsDay Legislative Luncheon which she and Jane Quimby of the Colorado Council on the Arts attended March 11 in Denver, along with Senator Tilman Bishop and Representatives Smith and Berry.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Donegan, seconded by Brown, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cultural Arts Coordinator