

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
March 29, 2000 Grand Junction

Commissioners Present: Seth Brown Priscilla Mangnall
Beth Buys Peter Ivanov
LeRoy Donegan Bill Reidy

Commissioners Absent: Karen Kiefer, Jeanne Killgore, Bill Whaley

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Priscilla Mangnall called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

The Commission reviewed artists' resumes and slides from 28 Colorado artists, including eight from Grand Junction, to select sculptures for the elevator atrium lobby of the new City Hall. The Commission took a straw vote and the artists and artwork receiving a majority of votes were: Dave Davis, Gary Hauschulz, and Pat Olson from Grand Junction, Peggy Cook (Lake George), Nancy Golden (Evergreen), and Dennis Sohocki (Denver). After further discussion about the various pieces of art, a motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reidy, to ask Dennis Sohocki for a video "walk-around" of his piece "Contemplation", and, subject to final approval, to recommend to the City Council that the City purchase "Contemplation" by Sohocki and "Chief Ouray" by Pat Olson, and take the additional funds necessary, over and above the 1% for the Arts budget, out of the Commission's budget for special projects. The motion carried unanimously.

Letters were reviewed from eight applicants for three Commission vacancies. Whether or not to interview the candidates was discussed and it was decided to invite all the applicants to the next Commission meeting April 26, except Joseph Marie whose application was not specific to the Arts Commission. The letter will also give the applicants information about the Commission and what is expected of board members.

The recent letter to the editor about purchasing artwork for City Hall created by a non-Grand Junction artist was discussed. The Coordinator said she felt the letter deserved a reply and she would draft one for approval by the Chair as soon as possible.

The Coordinator noted a meeting March 30 at 3:00pm to chose an artist or landscape architect to design a fountain in front of the new City Hall and Priscilla Mangnall volunteered to attend on behalf of the Commission.

The Coordinator presented a request from Ira Selkowitz, Executive Director of Colorado Lawyers for the Arts, who is bringing "The Business of Art" workshop to Grand Junction on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30am. The Commission is co-sponsoring this workshop for artists and Selkowitz would like two volunteers to staff the registration table. Peter Ivanov and Priscilla Mangnall volunteered to do the registrations. Sarmo and Selkowitz will also be there throughout the workshop.

A thank-you letter was noted from the Mesa County Public Library for funding ethnic programs. As there was no further business to come before the board, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator