

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture  
Minutes  
August 1, 2000

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe Peter Ivanov  
Seth Brown Janet Prell  
LeRoy Donegan Bill Reidy  
Priscilla Mangnall Bill Whaley

Commissioners Absent: Beth Buys

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture for the month of July, postponed from July 26, was held on the above date. Chair Donegan called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. A motion was made by Mangnall, seconded by Prell, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 28, 2000. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEES: Standing committees for the Arts Commission were discussed and the chairman appointed the following: Arts Expo Committee: Donegan, Mangnall (chair), Blythe, Ivanov, Reidy; Budget and Finance Committee: Buys (chair), Donegan, Whaley; Business in the Arts Committee: Brown, Donegan, Ivanov, Mangnall, Prell; and Media Committee: Donegan., Blythe, Prell, Whaley.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK: Last minutes details for the up-coming Shakespeare in the Park production August 3-6 were discussed, Mangnall reporting that while the Coordinator was out of town she and Dee Mangnall, the volunteer/project coordinator, had assisted the TheatreWorks crew in obtaining a scissor lift, jack hammer, generator, and volunteers to help take down the tent. Prell also assisted in getting numerous workers through the Mesa County Work Release program. Donegan reported that The Revelers would not be singing prior to each performance because too many of them were unavailable. The Coordinator noted several scheduled radio and television interviews she will be doing, and she will contact Mona Dyer at KJCT and Peter Franklin at KKCO about filming a rehearsal. Mangnall will provide a 10'X10' canopy if needed. Sarmo will put up decorations, either balloons or pennants, look into getting a parking sign, and shop for reception supplies and refreshments. Various Commissioners volunteered to usher, help prepare the opening night reception August 3, and help take down the stage and chairs August 6.

ARTS EXPO: The Coordinator suggested using this year's Expo to celebrate the Commission's tenth anniversary, and several ideas were offered: Do a display which includes past Commission members and invite former members to attend; talk to Peter Franklin about television news stories regarding Commission programs and accomplishments and increases in arts and cultural activities over the last decade; a billboard saying "got culture?"; asking arts and cultural organizations to include a "happy birthday" to the Commission in their October or November newsletters along with promoting the Expo; a City Council proclamation; and, an article in the City newsletter. A meeting of the Arts Expo Committee was scheduled for August 17 at 4:00pm at Old Chicago's.

ARTWORK FOR CITY HALL : The Coordinator read a fax from George Peters and Melanie Walker recommending that the aerial clouds in their work "Cloud Round-up" be hung from the ceiling horizontally rather than vertically. It was suggested that this could be a potential fire code problem because they would obstruct the ceiling sprinkler system and the Coordinator will check into this. It was also suggested that this constituted a major change in the design approved by the Commission and City Council and a motion was made by Whaley, seconded by Brown, to ask the artists to retain the original design and hang the clouds vertically because of possible fire code restrictions and the need to have a redesign approved by City Council. The motion carried unanimously. Peters and Walker will be installing the mobile August 10-11.

Encouraging Mesa County to include a 1% for the Arts program for their new Justice Center was also discussed. Blythe recommended that at least 1% of \$1.6 million in construction funding being spent by the State of Colorado on the building should be spent on artwork, since the state already has a Public Arts Program. The Coordinator will contact the Mesa County Commissioners.

A request from the Visitors and Convention Bureau to have their new Grand Junction poster framed and installed somewhere in City Hall was discussed. The Commission felt that certain areas of the building should be reserved for original artwork and other areas be reserved for nonoriginal work such as posters or prints. An informal Commission meeting was scheduled at the City Hall at 9:00am August 8 to tour the building and decide where to hang two dimensional art.

BUDGET: Revising the Commission's 2001 budget was addressed, with no new projects or additions being proposed. The Coordinator will present the 2001 budget at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letters were noted from the Grand Junction Senior Theatre and the Celtic Festival for Commission contributions.

A meeting of the Business in the Arts Awards Committee was scheduled for 3pm September 19 at the Parks office to choose the winners and artwork for this year's awards. The selections will be approved by the full Commission at the regular September 27 meeting and presented at the Expo November 4. The Coordinator will have the "Request for Nominations" brochure for arts organizations and the "Call for Entries" brochure for local artists revised, reprinted, and mailed.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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