

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
December 15, 2000

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

Commissioners Absent: Beth Buys

Others Present: Gordon Rhoades (Grand Junction Symphony)

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair LeRoy Donegan called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blythe, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 29, 2000. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: The Cultural Arts Coordinator reported that grant applications for the Commission's 2001 grant program will be available the first week of January and will be mailed to all art and cultural organizations. Ivanov reported that because Mesa State College is lacking enough students to cast a Shakespeare play this summer for "Shakespeare in the Park" they are exploring the possibility of doing the production in conjunction with Greenshoe Theatre Company.

OLD BUSINESS--CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS: Guidelines drafted by Pamela Blythe and revised by the Coordinator were presented and reviewed. After much discussion several amendments were made. A motion was made by Blythe, seconded by Prell, that artwork must remain on display for the entire duration of the exhibit, even if sold during that time, and cannot be replaced with another piece. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Ivanov, seconded by Brown, that the guidelines state that exhibits last from two-six months in order to allow for flexibility, however, the Commission's objective is that exhibits in 2001 shall last for four months. The motion carried unanimously. The consensus of the Commission regarding the paragraph entitled "Installation, Removal, and Maintenance" is to stipulate that extraordinary display devices be approved by the Commission's City Hall art committee, and that a sentence be added stating "The artist must remove the work promptly at the end of the exhibit period." The consensus of the Commission was also to indicate on a map of City Hall the location of permanent works of art.

A motion was made by Whaley, seconded by Prell, to create a subcommittee of five people appointed by the Commission to serve as the City Hall Art Exhibit Committee, which would be chaired by a member of the Commission, with at least one position available to an employee of City Hall, and the other positions to be community members. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Prell, seconded by Whaley, to approve the guidelines as written and amended. The motion carried unanimously. At the urging of other Commissioners, Pamela Blythe volunteered to serve as chair of the subcommittee. Janet Prell volunteered to serve as Blythe's administrative co-chair assistant. Commissioners were encouraged to solicit community members to serve on the committee, and have people submit letters of interest to the Coordinator by January 8. The Coordinator will contact City Hall. A special meeting of the Commission was called for Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 5:00pm in the Parks Administration Building to appoint the subcommittee. 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