

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture

Minutes

January 9, 2001

Commissioners Present: Seth Brown Priscilla Mangnall  
Beth Buys Peter Ivanov  
LeRoy Donegan Janet Prell

Commissioners Absent: Pamela Blythe, Bill Reidy, Bill Whaley

Others Present: Frank Francese (painter)

A special 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 5:00pm. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Prell, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 15, 2000. The motion carried unanimously.

ART EXHIBIT: Grand Junction artist Frank Francese asked the Commission to consider sponsoring a one-night one-man exhibition and sale of his paintings, which he does each year in Montrose and would like to do in Grand Junction. He also approached the Art Center with this idea, to no avail. He offered a 25% commission on all sales, noting that he usually sells about \$7,000 in paintings at his exhibit in Montrose. The Commission discussed this as a possible fund raising idea, and whether to incorporate this into the City Hall rotating art exhibit program (with the exhibit to be on display for three to six months) or to do this at a different location altogether. Francese talked about the difficulty of having twenty pictures committed to one exhibit for so long. The Commission discussed their desire to help local artists whenever possible but also the need to be conscious of not being in competition with private galleries who carry local artists' work. It was also noted that if this exhibit was sponsored, the Commission would be inundated with similar requests from other artists. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Buys, to table consideration of this idea until the regular meeting. After further discussion, Brown withdrew the motion. A motion was made by Prell, seconded by Buys, that it would be inappropriate for the Commission to go into the artwork sales business in this way, even for fund-raising, but that the Commission would help in other ways. The motion carried unanimously. Sarmo will work with Francese to find another sponsor for his exhibition.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS: The Commission considered five letters of interest from community members for its newly formed sub-committee for City Hall art exhibits. Sarmo reported that the Assistant City Manager appointed Sue Schore, Administrative Assistant in City Administration, as the City Hall representative to the committee. A motion was made by Mangnall, seconded by Prell that the City Hall Art Exhibit Guidelines be amended so that the committee shall include at least five and not more than eight people, in addition to Arts Commission members, and that appointees shall serve three year terms. Because all of the applicants were both knowledgeable and commendable, a motion was made by Mangnall, seconded by Brown, to appoint all five applicants--Anne Brady, Patty Costello, Karen Kiefer, Jeanne Killgore, and Don Meyers—as well as the City Hall representative Sue Schore, to the City Hall Art Exhibit Committee. The committee will meet as soon as possible and bring a recommendation back to the Arts Commission for approval as to which local artists to invite to exhibit in the City Hall. As there was no further business to come before the Commission the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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