

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture  
Minutes  
June 27, 2001

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe Priscilla Mangnall  
Seth Brown Joan Meyers  
LeRoy Donegan Janet Prell  
Peter Ivanov

Commissioners Absent: Bill Reidy, Bill Whaley

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 4pm. A motion was made by Pamela Blythe, seconded by Joan Meyers, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on May 23, 2001. The motion carried unanimously.

ONE PERCENT FOR THE ARTS: A draft *Call for Entries* for the 1% for the arts artwork for Two Rivers Convention Center was distributed and reviewed. It was recommended that the request for proposals be advertised on the City's website, in addition to the direct mailing to sculptors and an advertisement in the newspaper. The consensus of the Commission was to open the outdoor sculpture competition to all Colorado artists, not just local artists or artists nationwide. A motion was made by Pamela Blythe, seconded by Janet Prell, to stipulate an amount of \$36,000 for sculpture purchases in the *Call for Entries*, and retain \$2,673 of the 1% funds for other costs which might be incurred to properly install and light the sculpture, or for artwork indoors. The motion carried unanimously.

CULTURAL PLAN: A draft of a letter of invitation to 50 community members, inviting them to serve on the Grand Junction Strategic Cultural Plan Steering Committee was distributed, discussed, and revised. Commissioners volunteered to contact people they knew on the list as a follow-up to sending out the letter. The expense of bringing an inspirational speaker from out of town for the keynote address at the August 3 public kick-off of the planning process was discussed, and a motion was made by Prell, seconded by Blythe, to allocate the necessary funds to hire a good speaker. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Mayor Cindy Enos-Martinez about City Council policies and procedures regarding volunteer board responsibilities, appointments, by-laws, and minutes. The letter noted that the Arts Commission is

doing a good job in all of these areas, that some of the Commission's procedures were used as a model for the City's new policies, and that the Commission is in compliance and does not need to take any action. Appointments to the Commission will be continue to be done by application with recommendations from the Commission and don't require that applicants be interviewed by members of the City Council.

**ANNUAL BUDGET:** The Commission discussed possible budget increases and new projects for budget years 2002 and 2003. Because the Commission's funding from the City to support arts and cultural events, projects, and programs has not increased since 1998, the consensus of the Commission was to request an increase from \$20,000 to \$26,000 annually. Because of costs which are being continually incurred in conjunction with City Hall artwork, the consensus was to request \$4,000 in the budget to cover additional hanging supplies, purchase of pedestals for sculpture display, purchase and framing of artwork in other parts of the building such as the lunchroom/waiting room, and for receptions for the rotating art exhibits. Because of the success of the Commission's underwriting with KAFM Public Radio station plus increases in advertising costs due to 1% for the Arts projects, the Commission decided to increase the annual advertising budget from \$1500 to \$2000. Because of other miscellaneous increases in secretarial, board, and other operational expenses, the Commission decided to increase that portion of the budget \$1,000, in addition to minor inflationary increases in other areas. The Coordinator noted that she is still pursuing an additional salary increase in order to bring the Cultural Arts Coordinator position in line with comparable positions with the City, and an increase in paid hours from 20 hours per week to 25 hours per week, because of additional responsibilities of the job. Commission members expressed support for both the salary and hourly increases.

**CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS:** The Coordinator reported that Terry Shepherd is unable to display his ceramic art during August–September–October and would prefer to exhibit in November–December–January. The Commission discussed other local sculptors to feature beginning in August, and a motion was made by Blythe, seconded by Mangnall, to invite Scott Shaffer to exhibit his sculpture during August–September–October. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Blythe, seconded by Ivanov, that if Shaffer is not available in August, to invite Don Meyers to exhibit his sculpture. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARDS:** The annual Business in the Arts Awards were discussed, and the Commission had no changes in the procedures and guidelines for selecting the awards.

Priscilla Mangnall suggested a fund raising project involving parking meters painted by local artists and used to collect money for the arts. She will pursue this idea with the Downtown Development Authority. The Commission also discussed the possibility of artwork along Seventh Street and in new City roundabouts.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo  
Cultural Arts Coordinator