Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture Minutes July 25, 2001

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe Joan Meyers

LeRoy Donegan Janet Prell Peter Ivanov Bill Whaley

Priscilla Mangnall

Commissioners Absent: Seth Brown

Others Present: Jody Kliska (City Traffic Department), Don Meyers (art consultant)

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 4:00pm. A motion was made by Peter Ivanov, seconded by Janet Prell, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 27, 2001. The motion carried unanimously.

1% FOR THE ARTS PROJECTS: Commission members, Jody Kliska, and Don Meyers reviewed resumes and slides of sculpture by four Grand Junction artists received in response to the "Call for Entries" for artwork for the new traffic engineering building on River Road. Most of the artists submitted several pieces for consideration, three artists offering sculptures already or almost completed and one artist submitting a concept drawing for a new creation. After careful consideration, extensive discussion, and a straw poll, a motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Joan Meyers, to recommend that the City Council purchase "Wire Jamb I" by David Berry at a cost of \$2,000. The motion carried unanimously.

CULTURAL PLAN: The up-coming public meeting featuring a possible presentation by Denver's Mayor Wellington Webb was discussed. The Cultural Arts Coordinator noted that roundtrip airline tickets from Denver are very expensive when a Saturday night stay is not involved, but that a charter flight is no cheaper. Pamela Blythe offered to investigate getting a ticket donated. It was noted that roundtrip airline tickets between Denver and Montrose are much less expensive than Denver to Grand Junction.

SLIDE PRESENTATION: Janet Prell volunteered to assist the Coordinator with a slide presentation September 6 to the Horizon Sunrise Rotary Club.

CULTURAL EVENTS and CORRESPONDENCE: Up-coming cultural events supported in part by Commission grants were discussed to insure that Commission members can attend and scrutinize.

Letters were read from Julia Hall, KAFM Public Radio, and from Carolyn Queal, VSA-Grand Junction Arts Festival for the Disabled thanking the Commission for their underwriting support. A letter was read from John Patterson recommending that the Cultural Plan Steering Committee and the Commission "develop and implement a Valley-wide calendar of events that groups and individuals would abide by" for planning purposes. This suggestion will be passed along to the Marketing Task Force for inclusion in the cultural plan.

A letter of resignation was read from Bill Reidy. The Commission reviewed the list of people who applied to be on the Commission in February of this year. A motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Priscilla Mangnall, to recommend that the City Council appoint Doug Clary to fill Reidy's seat until the end of the term in February, 2002. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for July and the Financial Report for expenditures to date were distributed and reviewed. The Colorado Arts Consortium Conference September 20–21 in Montrose was discussed, with Joan Meyers and Priscilla Mangnall volunteering to attend.

The BUDGET COMMITTEE reviewed the proposed budget for the Commission for 2002–2003, which incorporates numerous items suggested at the last Commission meeting. A motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Priscilla Mangnall, to approve the budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Whaley volunteered to meet with the Parks and Recreation Director and/or the Recreation Supervisor if they wanted an explanation of the budget increases.

The CITY HALL ART COMMITTEE reported that a new exhibit of paintings by Tricia Berg and Gordon Brown will be installed in City Hall in August. Blythe will be removing Jerry Fritzler's paintings July 27. Mangnall and Prell volunteered to help with installation of the new artwork.

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