Commissioners Present:	Pamela Blythe
	LeRoy Donegan
	Peter Ivanov
	Priscilla Mangnall
Commissioners Absent: Doug Clary	

Joan Meyers Janet Prell Bill Whaley

The regular meeting of the Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair LeRoy Donegan called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. A motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Priscilla Mangnall, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 24, 2001. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion about end of year expenditures and the consensus was to allocate available funding so as to benefit both performing arts and artists as well as visual arts and artists, and to make an upcoming performance available to children at no cost. A motion was made by Janet Prell, seconded by Bill Whaley, to purchase fifty tickets for the Grand Valley Dance Center's production of "The Nutcracker" ballet and donate ten tickets each to Partners, Chipeta Girl Scout Council, Boy Scouts of Western Colorado, Latimer House, and Gateway Youth and Family Services. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting on December 26 was rescheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at 3:00pm, and the main item on the agenda will be the selection of additional art to be placed in either Two Rivers Convention Center or City Hall, utilizing the Commission's budget for purchase of artwork. Several galleries will be visited.

STRATEGIC CULTURAL PLAN: There was a discussion about the Commission's presentation of the *Grand Junction Strategic Cultural Plan* to City Council at the December 3 workshop. Commissioners Clary, Donegan, Ivanov, Meyers, and Prell will able to attend. Chairman Donegan will give a brief presentation and explain the planning process, and the Commission and Coordinator will be available to answer questions.

REPORTS: The Cultural Arts Coordinator's Report for November and the Commission's year to date Financial Report were distributed and reviewed. The Coordinator reported that the selection of Gordon Rhoades to fill the Commission's vacancy could not be recommended to City Council because Rhoades is ineligible due to his being an employee of the Grand Junction Musical Arts Association. The Coordinator noted that the City Clerk sent the four applications for the vacancy to the Council for their review and the Council will either decide who to appoint or ask for another recommendation. The Coordinator also reported that she had discussed the possibility of a designated space--*Art in the Corner*--in City newsletters for news about arts and culture, City Hall exhibits, 1% projects, etc., but that the City's Communications Director was reluctant to favor one department over others with a specific column because of space limitations.

Donegan reported on the November 6 bi-monthly meeting of major arts and cultural organizations, hosted by the Commission. In order to investigate the feasibility of forming a Mesa

County Scientific and Cultural Facilities District with a dedicated sales tax levy for arts and culture, local arts groups would like to invite Denver consultant Floyd Ciruli to do a seminar in Grand Junction and explain Denver's Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and the cultural district election process. The consensus of the Commission was to host such a seminar in early 2002. The Coordinator will check on possible funding restrictions.

A summary of the evaluation forms from Arts Expo exhibitors and participants was distributed and reviewed, and all were very positive. Because attendance at the Expo was greatly reduced this year, for several reasons, there was a discussion of ways to enhance the event in 2002.

A meeting of the City Hall Art Exhibit Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, December 5 at 4pm in the City Hall conference room to determine which local artists to invite to display artwork during 2002. As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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