

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture

Minutes

December 11, 2001

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe
Doug Clary
LeRoy Donegan
Peter Ivanov
Karen Kiefer
Priscilla Mangnall
Joan Meyers
Bill Whaley

Commissioners Absent: Janet Prell

An informal meeting of the Commission on Arts and Culture was held at 3:00pm on the above date beginning at Two Rivers Convention Center to look at the entrance space and determine what types of artwork might be purchased with the Commission's available budget for special projects/purchases. The Commission then visited the Western Colorado Center for the Arts, downtown art galleries, an architectural firm, and toured Art on the Corner to view two- and three-dimensional works of art by local artists. Following the informal part of the meeting, Commissioner Ivanov was excused.

The regular meeting of the Commission on Arts and Culture was then held, chair LeRoy Donegan calling the meeting to order at 5:15pm. A motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Doug Clary, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on November 28, 2001. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF ART: The Commission reviewed the various works of art available in order to decide whether to consider either three-dimensional sculpture or two-dimensional painting. The consensus of the Commission was that two-dimensional art is more appropriate.

The Commission then discussed whether to chose art for City Hall or for Two Rivers Convention Center. The consensus was that the City Hall already has excellent artwork, with the rotating exhibits and because the Commission spent its annual art budget last year plus a portion of this year's budget at City Hall, so any remaining funds should be spent at Two Rivers.

The Commission then discussed several possible choices of paintings by local artists. A motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Doug Clary, to purchase a watercolor winter scene by Gerald Fritzler for \$5,500 with the funding remaining in the Commission's current special projects/purchases budget. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS: A list of artists to invite to exhibit at City Hall during 2002, as recommended by the City Hall Art Exhibit Committee, was distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Joan Meyers, seconded by Pamela Blythe, to approve the list of 2002 City Hall art exhibits. The motion carried unanimously. It was also suggested that artists Shirley Dickinson, Darrell King, and Bud Marcos be added to the master list of artists for future exhibits.

REPORTS: The Cultural Arts Coordinator reported that she contacted Denver consultant Floyd Ciruli about presenting a seminar on the formation of a scientific and cultural facilities district in Mesa County, and learned that Ciruli's usual consulting fee is \$2,000 per day, plus a roundtrip plane ticket. The consensus of the Commission was that this price far exceeds what they can afford or would consider.

A special meeting of the Commission was scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2002 at 4:00pm for brief presentations by organizations planning to apply for financial support for arts and cultural events and projects next year. As there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cultural Arts Coordinator