

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture

Minutes

August 28, 2002

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe Karen Kiefer
Doug Clary Janet Prell
LeRoy Donegan

Commissioners Absent: Jack Delmore, Priscilla Mangnall, Joan Meyers, and Bill Whaley

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Vice-chair Pamela Blythe called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. A motion was made by Doug Clary, seconded by Karen Kiefer, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting of July 24, 2002, as written, however, changing the word "donated" in the fourth paragraph on the first page to "leased" in reference to the Botanic Gardens property. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION WEBSITE: Pamela Blythe brought a large packet of information copied from the website of the Phoenix Arts Commission, suggesting that the Commission should have a website. The Cultural Arts Coordinator explained that the Commission is on the City's website but can be difficult to find because the City site is so extensive and people have to navigate to the Parks and Recreation Department or know to click on the Recreation button. Blythe suggested having a "City Boards & Commissions" button. The Coordinator noted that including more information about Commission programs and public art is simply a matter of having the time, obtaining photographs, and working with the City's web manager. Janet Prell volunteered to take digital photographs of the City's public art pieces.

ONE PERCENT FOR THE ARTS PROJECTS: The Commission discussed ideas for future 1% for the Arts projects in conjunction with Canyon View Park. Blythe presented numerous examples and photographs of unique architectural park features, pavilions, bridges, and entrances. She suggested that the Commission encourage the park designers to utilize strong colors, distinctive landscaping, and artistic architecture as part of the general park construction. The Commission discussed various possible sculpture purchases through the 1% program, including: 1.) A sculpture in the 24½ Road entry pond, by the entry gate, or in the large grassy area just beyond the entrance, 2.) A large sculpture installed near the highway, and 3.) A sculpture garden for rotating exhibits. The consensus of the Commission was to make a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board about artistic considerations throughout the next phase of the park. Blythe volunteered to draft a presentation for further discussion at the next Commission meeting.

COMMISSION GRANT PROGRAM: A list of upcoming cultural events underwritten in part by Commission funding was reviewed and Commissioners volunteered to attend the September events. LeRoy Donegan had to leave the meeting at 5:00pm. The Coordinator reported that KRMJ-TV's program "Western Bounty" has been reconfigured so that instead of airing on Sundays, more frequent but much shorter clips are scheduled to fill in various time slots several times a month.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for August was distributed and reviewed. Karen Kiefer will attend the Colorado Arts Consortium Conference September 21 in Estes Park. A meeting of the Business in the Arts Awards Committee was scheduled immediately prior to the next Commission meeting at 3:30pm.

As there was no further business before the board the vice-chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo, Cultural Arts Coordinator