

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
February 26, 2003

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

Commissioners Absent: Janet Prell

Others Present: Lynn and Carter Reese (St. Andrews Renaissance Guild), Piera Kllanxhja (JABOA), Kathy Tower (Reader's Theater), and applicants for the Commission vacancy: Mandy Copeland, Dianna Fritzler, Terra Anderson, Jeanine Howe, and Pat Kelley.

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Pamela Blythe called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. A motion was made by Karen Kiefer, seconded by Joan Meyers, to approve the minutes of January 22 and January 29, 2003, however, amending the minutes of January 22 to state that Doug Clary, not LeRoy Donegan, was elected vice-chair, since Donegan's Commission term is over. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT PRESENTATION: Lynn and Carter Reese with the St. Andrews Renaissance Guild appeared before the Commission with apologies for being unable to attend yesterday's grant presentation meeting due to automobile problems in Delta. They gave a brief overview of their application for funding for the Grand Valley Renaissance Festival and answered questions, noting that the 2002 festival was the best one ever with an attendance of 3500 people.

GRANT AWARDS: The Commission discussed the 18 grant proposals at length and ranked each application according to the guidelines and criteria. The Coordinator distributed a list outlining the number of times each event or project has been awarded funding during the last five years. Requests for 2003 support total \$44,625, however funding available is \$26,000. After careful consideration and discussion, a motion was made by Priscilla Mangnall, seconded by Doug Clary, to recommend that the City Council approve grant funding for the following arts and cultural events, projects, and programs, in the following amounts:

Mesa State College Grand Mesa Summer Dance Festival	\$3,600
Mesa County Valley School District #51 Artists-in-Residence Program	\$3,500
Western Colorado Center for the Arts Charles Hardy exhibit	\$2,500
KRMJ Public Television "Western Bounty" programs	\$2,400
KAFM Public Radio "Arts & Entertainment Calendar"	\$2,000
Grand Junction Musical Arts Association symphony music purchase	\$1,800
Reader's Festival	\$1,700
MESA Youth "Sound of Music" musical	\$1,500
Mesa County Public Library District puppeteer performance	\$1,500
Performing Arts Conservatory "Hello Dolly" musical	\$1,000
St. Andrews Guild Grand Valley Renaissance Festival	\$1,000

DTA Arts & Jazz Festival	\$1,000
Mesa County Community Concert Association school programs	\$1,000
JABOA (Just a Bunch of Artists) Studio Tour	\$ 500
Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus service clubs performances	\$ 500

and that in addition to the above awards through the grant program (totaling \$26,000), that the Arts & Jazz Festival receive another \$1,000 in funds, plus up to \$1,000 to underwrite the cost of booth space for five Grand Junction artists, from the Commission's budget for the Arts Expo, and that KAFM receive an additional \$400 in funds from the Commission's advertising budget. The motion carried unanimously. (LeRoy Donegan had to leave the meeting at 5:15pm. Jack Delmore had to leave the meeting at 5:30pm.)

REPORTS: Commissioner Clary reported that the Commission's new website—www.gjarts.org—is up and running. Clary was congratulated and thanked for his hard work designing the site.

The Coordinator asked about purchasing a new mat for the composite of historical photographs being loaned to City Hall and the consensus of the Commission was to pay for a new mat from Picture This when labels for the photos are made, even though the composite belongs to Ron Scribner.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: The chair assigned the members to the following committees:

Artrain Committee: Joan Meyers (chair), new member, Pamela Blythe (on all committees as Commission chair); Budget and Finance Committee: Bill Whaley (chair), Pamela Blythe; Business in the Arts Awards Committee: Karen Kiefer (chair), Priscilla Mangnall, Janet Prell, Pamela Blythe; City Hall Art Exhibit Committee: Priscilla Mangnall (chair), Jack Delmore, Karen Kiefer, Janet Prell, Pamela Blythe; Marketing and Media Committee: Doug Clary (chair), Bill Whaley, Pamela Blythe; Orientation of New Members: Pamela Blythe (chair), Doug Clary (vice-chair).

COMMISSION VACANCY: The five applicants for the vacancy on the Commission each introduced themselves and explained their backgrounds and reasons for wanting to serve on the Arts Commission. The applicants left the meeting and Commission members discussed all seven applications. The Coordinator explained that the City Clerk did not yet know how the City Council wished to proceed with filling the vacancy, but that it is possible the Commission will be asked for a recommendation as has been done several times in the past. A motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Karen Kiefer, that the Commission recommend Dianna Fritzler as the best qualified person to serve on the Commission, if the City Council requests a recommendation, with Lee Borden as an alternate choice. The motion carried unanimously.

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