

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter was read from the Grand Junction Symphony for a grant from the Commission, and a letter was noted from a symphony attendee lamenting inadequacies of the Grand Junction High School auditorium and restroom facilities and the need for a civic auditorium with extensive parking capabilities.

ART ON THE CORNER SCULPTURE CHANGE: Several Commissioners volunteered to be on the cleaning/painting crew for the May 31st deinstallation of Art on the Corner sculpture and painting of the pedestals, including Pamela Blythe (and daughter Nichole), Jack Delmore, Karen Kiefer, Joan Meyers (and husband Don), and Janet Prell. The Coordinator will also contact former Commission members who have helped in the past. About ten people are needed for the crew.

REPORTS: The Cultural Arts Coordinator's April report was distributed and discussed. The Coordinator noted plans for a new City logo. The report also showed that information about the City's 1% for the Arts program and Art on the Corner was sent to Brevard, N. C. and Sheridan, WY, at their request, and that the Coordinator met with the Carbondale Public Arts Committee twice to help them get a rotating exhibit like Art on the Corner started in Carbondale. The Coordinator suggested setting up a meeting soon with School District #51 administrators and the new superintendent to let them know about Artrain coming next spring, even though the Commission doesn't have a firm date yet. The Coordinator will contact the district.

Chair Pamela Blythe reported that she, Commissioners Clary and Meyers, and the Coordinator met with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss possible arts and cultural activities or organizations which might be included in the proposed cultural center in the long range master plan for Las Colonias Park. Blythe also provided the Parks Board with a brief background on the 1% for Art program, noting that the Commission is interested in purchasing a monumental piece for the new east entrance of Canyon View Park, in conjunction with the second phase of construction. The Commission is contemplating a piece like or similar to a sculpture by Colorado artist Mark Lechliter. A picture was passed around of the Lechliter sculpture which consists of 18 feet tall pieces that can be purchased individually (approximately \$15,000 each) as funds become available. Parks Board members suggested that the new east entrance is not the main entrance and perhaps if a large sculpture is purchased it should be placed at the existing main entrance. Joe Stevens stated that the east entrance on 24 Road was originally scheduled to have an interactive water feature but due to funding constraints, the feature was not incorporated into the final design. One Parks Board member suggested that "interactive" artwork is particularly appropriate for a park. Blythe also showed Parks Board members numerous photographs of public art in parks and encouraged the board to allow the Commission to work more closely in the early stages of design and development of new parks projects. Parks Board members suggested having a liaison from the Commission attend Parks Board meetings periodically and the Coordinator will attend quarterly.

Blythe reported that City Council just approved the proposal from Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado and Primary Care Partners for a new medical/residential complex.

Having an opening reception for the up-coming art exhibit going into City Hall July 1 was discussed, and a motion was made by Kiefer, seconded by Meyers, to host an opening reception July 2 from 5pm – 7:30pm for the JABOA and other artists whose works are being displayed. The motion carried unanimously.

Kiefer reported that thanks to the efforts of Colorado Representative Greg Rippey and U. S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, the Colorado Council on the Arts was not eliminated from the state budget but received \$200,000 in funds for the next fiscal year.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cultural Arts Coordinator