

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
July 23, 2003

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe Priscilla Mangnall
Doug Clary Joan Meyers
Jack Delmore Janet Prell
Karen Kiefer

Commissioners Absent: Lee Borden and Bill Whaley
Others present: Mari Steinbach, Recreation Supervisor

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. Mari Steinbach noted for the board that with regard to Commission budget issues for 2004-2005, the Commission's staff position is adequately addressed within the City's personnel policies and this is not a concern which Commission members need to specifically address or worry about. A motion was made by Doug Clary, seconded by Jack Delmore, to delete references to staff salary and benefits and to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting of June 25, 2003 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET: The Commission's budget for 2004-2005 was reviewed and a motion made by Karen Kiefer, seconded by Joan Meyers, to approve the budget as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS: The Coordinator noted that the Commission has an allocation of \$15,000 (1% of the total \$1.5 million spent on all phases of the park's construction to date) to purchase artwork for Westlake Park through the 1% for the Arts program. She recommended advertising this art project at the same time as the Canyon View Park 1% project. The consensus of the board was to include both park projects in the "Call for Entries". The Coordinator also recommended postponing the deadline to submit art proposals for both parks until mid-November. She noted that currently the east side of Canyon View Park is nothing more than a huge expanse of dirt and that sending out a "Call for Entries" with a picture of a dirt field would give artists very little to go on in designing a work of art for the site. The consensus of the Commission was to postpone the deadline for art proposals until mid-November and to change the date of the Commission's November meeting to November 19, at which time the Commission will review proposals and select finalists who will then be interviewed in mid-December and approved by the City Council the first week of January, 2004. This should allow time to construct the artwork and install it by late spring.

Sarmo reported that she has been hired on a contract basis by the Downtown Development Authority to staff the Art on the Corner Program. She noted that this is separate from her job as Cultural Arts Coordinator but a logical extension of the fact that she has been on the Art on the Corner Committee for the last five years. She expects the Art on the Corner job to amount to about 100 hours through the end of 2003.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for June was distributed and reviewed. Pamela Blythe told the Commission about the annual Marble Marble Symposium. She also complimented the Commission on a well attended and well received July 2 opening reception for the City Hall Art Exhibit.

Janet Prell reported that Mesa County is preparing a pilot program on KKCO-TV which is basically a news magazine about county government and community issues. The program will air Sundays at 9pm beginning in September on both KKCO and the government access Channel 12. Prell noted that there will be four minutes devoted to community cultural organization, artists, etc., and talked about the various groups and people to be covered in the up-coming shows.

Pamela Blythe reported that she has initiated a short redecorating spot airing weekly on KJCT-TV on Saturdays during the 5:30pm News.

Karen Kiefer reported that she recently spent four hours at the Marillac Clinic helping them hang artwork donated by local artists throughout their new addition. Kiefer also noted that the Consortium has finalized plans and panels for their annual statewide conference September 13-14 in Manitou Springs.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator