

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture

Minutes

December 17, 2003

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

Others Present: Mari Steinbach (Recreation Superintendent), Dennis Derrieux (Parks & Recreation Advisory Board), Jerry Roberts (Parks Maintenance Superintendent), Shawn Cooper (Parks Planner), Suzanne Garner (Mesa State College Art Department Chair).

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 4:08pm. A motion was made by Doug Clary, seconded by Janet Prell, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting of November 19, 2003 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PERCENT FOR ART PROJECTS: The Commission and selection committee guests reviewed slides, resumes, and proposals for the 1% for the Arts artwork for Canyon View Park and Westlake Park. Forty-four different sculpture proposals were received from 28 artists for Canyon View Park, and 32 different sculpture proposals from 22 artists for Westlake Park (numerous artists submitted for both projects.) Total funding available for art at Canyon View is \$26,000 (plus \$1,000 for a concrete pad/foundation) and funding available for art at Westlake Park is \$15,000. After careful consideration of all the various proposals and extensive discussion about potential vandalism problems and maintenance issues, a vote was taken. The following artists received at least one vote for their piece(s) for Canyon View Park: Gunnar Anderson, Michael Clapper, Denny Haskew, Rafe Ropek, Kevin Robb, Dennis Sohocki, Charles Sturrock, and Christopher Weed. The following artists received at least one vote for their piece(s) for Westlake Park: Joe McGrane, Pat Olson, Kevin Robb, Sherrill Stone, and Charles Sturrock. More discussion and another vote narrowed the field to the following finalists: For Canyon View Park, Gunnar Anderson, Michael Clapper, and Denny Haskew; and for Westlake Park, Joe McGrane and Pat Olson. The finalists will be invited to make presentations to the Commission and selection committee on January 7, 2004.

COMMISSION GRANTS FOR CULTURAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS: The Commission discussed grant criteria and guidelines for 2004 and the consensus was to keep the procedures and policies the same as 2003. Priscilla Mangnall recommended that when the grants are awarded, the Commission ask grantees to provide some free tickets to their funded event for the Commission to give to disadvantaged populations, and this will be included in the preliminary letter.

REPORTS: The Cultural Arts Coordinator and Karen Kiefer reported on the December 6-7 Colorado Art Expo in Denver, noting that it was excellent exposure for Grand Junction, the Commission, and the other local artists who participated. Four Commission members will attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet for the Business in the Arts Awards presentations. A new art exhibit will be installed at City Hall January 5 at 10:00am, with a reception January 7. 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