

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
January 28, 2004

Commissioners Present: Lee Borden Karen Kiefer
Doug Clary Joan Meyers
Jack Delmore Bill Whaley

Commissioners Absent: Pamela Blythe, Priscilla Mangnall, Janet Prell

Others Present: Jim Bright (Fire Department), Mari Steinbach (Recreation Superintendent)

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Vice-chair Doug Clary called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. A motion was made by Bill Whaley, seconded by Jack Delmore, to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 17, 2004 and January 14, 2004 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

REDLANDS FIRE STATION 1% FOR THE ARTS PROJECT: The Commission reviewed the following proposals and slides from 17 Colorado artists for works of art for the new Redlands Fire Station in conjunction with the City's 1% for the Arts program:

- Ahmen Auten (Grand Junction) sandstone sign c. \$14,500 depending on size
- Manton Botsford (Austin) and Daniel Welby "Redlands Fire Station" steel sign \$14,500
- William Burgess (Colorado Springs) "Convolution" \$10,000 rusted steel 5' tall X4'X3'
 - "Ascender" \$8,500 rusted steel 7' tall X2'X2'
 - "Zeus" \$7,000 rusted steel 5' tall X3'X1.5'
- Joseph Burleigh (Carbondale) "Redlands Fire Station" 6' sign cube much less than \$14,500
- Cathi Cook (Fort Collins) "Courage on Call" bronze Dalmatian (1-1/8 size) \$14,500
- James Lynxwiler (Fort Collins) "Firewatch" steel 4-sided obelisk \$14,500
 - fireman and pedestal in steel & concrete \$14,500
 - fireman & fire station sign in concrete relief \$14,500
- Phil Maior (Loveland) "Bucket Brigade" (3 ideas) stainless steel fountains \$14,500
- Lance Oliver (Colorado Springs) "All in a Day's Work" ¾ size bronze fireman \$14,500
 - "Ready for Action" 1-1/4 life size bronze Dalmatian/boots \$14,500
- Ornamental Iron Works, Luke & Bruce Mellinger (Grand Jct.) iron sign axes/helmet \$11,000
- Ken Pierce (Gunnison) "Redlands Fire Station" granite/brass sign \$14,500
- Colette Pitcher (Greeley) "Every Day a Hero" 7' life size bronze fireman \$14,500
- Jon & Karen Ritchey, Earthworks Studio (Boone) 7' carved brick firemen & sign \$14,500
- Kenny Schneider (Gardner) up to ten 4' high cast concrete Firefighter Bollards \$14,500
 - Whirligig antique engine mobile \$14,500
- Sam Small (Paonia) life size bronze fire fighter \$14,500
- Reven Swanson (Denver) 15' kinetic steel and painted enamel mobile/sign \$14,500
- Jamie Vaida (Grand Junction) "Spinning Sculptures" 14' Plexiglas & steel mobile \$14,000
 - "Mesa Landscape" sculpture & sign 10' tall steel \$13,000
- Christopher Weed ((Colorado Springs) "Masquerade" steel 6.5' tall X 8' \$14,500
 - "Dalmatian Fire Hydrant" powder coated steel 8.5' tall \$14,500

Commissioner members and Jim Bright Operations Chief with the Grand Junction Fire Department discussed the artwork at length. A vote was taken as follows (each member of the selection committee allowed up to three votes): Colette Pitcher 7 votes, Jon and Kathy Ritchey 8 votes, and Reven Swanson 6 votes. A meeting was confirmed for presentations by the three finalists at 1:00pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2004. Bright will provide a site plan of the building's location on the lot.

WINGATE PARK 1% FOR THE ARTS: The Coordinator reported that the Parks and Recreation Department is working on a long L-shaped park beside Wingate Elementary School which will cost about \$500,000, making the 1% allocation about \$5,000. The Coordinator recommended that the Commission consider inviting only a limited number of artists to submit proposals, since this project is fairly small. She suggested considering those who received one or more votes for their art proposals during the recent selection process for Canyon View Park, Westlake Park, and/or the Redlands Fire Station as being prequalified to submit art for Wingate Park. The consensus of the Commission was to do a limited "Call For Entries" for Wingate Park art by invitation.

CANYON VIEW PARK PUBLIC ART: The possibility of purchasing the work of art which finished in second place during the Canyon View Park art selection process, a 30 foot tall kite mobile by Gunnar Anderson, was discussed. Because this piece was such a popular runner-up, it was felt that perhaps the Commission might allocate some funding toward it, if the Parks Department can do the same. The Coordinator will discuss this idea with the Parks and Recreation Director and will also ask the artist if the \$26,000 cost is a firm price. Possible park locations for the piece were also discussed.

COMMISSION PROJECTS IN 2004: The Commission reviewed the 13 goals outlined in their Five Year Business Plan with an eye toward projects to pursue in 2004. Half the goals have been accomplished, or have been addressed and are no longer applicable or currently feasible, including: Encourage the establishment of a cultural district and tax allocation for the arts; promote the establishment of an arts incubator facility; advocate for purchase of a mobile stage; advocate for including a large amphitheater in Los Colonias Park; publish the Community Cultural Calendar every two months; and update the 1991 *Grand Junction Strategic Cultural Plan*. The following will continue to be pursued this year:

1. Continue all existing, on-going Commission programs.
2. Encourage arts and cultural organizations to do additional school outreach programs.
3. Establish an arts award program in the schools, especially performing arts-form new committee.
4. Encourage a large community-wide arts festival by and/or with other arts organizations.
5. Encourage more community outreach and reduced pricing for disadvantaged populations by local arts and cultural organizations.
6. Help expand the Art on the Corner program throughout downtown and Grand Junction by purchasing a piece of sculpture each year and installing it in a park or other visible location.
7. Find a partner organization with numerous volunteers to help bring the Artrain exhibit to Grand Junction (2006).

BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARDS: Logistics for the up-coming award presentation at the Chamber of Commerce banquet were briefly discussed. As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the Vice-chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letters for grant funding were read from the Grand Junction Musical Arts Association and the Art Center, from Bud Markos for the purchase of his painting, and from Pat Olson for the consideration of his sculpture for Westlake Park's 1% for the Arts project.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator