

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
February 25, 2004

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe Priscilla Mangnall
Doug Clary Joan Meyers
Jack Delmore Janet Prell
Karen Kiefer Bill Whaley (arrived 5:30pm)

Commissioners Absent: Lee Borden

Others Present: Mari Steinbach (Recreation Superintendent), Lora Quesenberry

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 Joan Meyers, seconded by Karen Kiefer, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meetings on January 28, 2004 and February 11, 2004 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION RE-GRANTING FOR ARTS & CULTURAL EVENTS/PROJECTS/PROGRAMS: The Commission reviewed requests totaling \$43,900 from 17 local organizations and agencies for financial support of their cultural events and projects. In addition to City funding, the applicants expect to leverage another \$101,724 in donations from businesses, individuals, and other granting agencies. Each request was discussed at length.

For the record, the following Commission members' potential conflicts of interest were noted as required by law, and they abstained from voting on those specific grant requests: Jack Delmore—employed as a professor at Mesa State College and is a member of Western Colorado Chorale; Karen Kiefer—her husband's Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus benefits financially from Sweet Adelines' Bingo fundraising; Priscilla Mangnall—employed a few times a year for Grand Junction Symphony events or concerts; and Bill Whaley—serves on the board of KAFM Radio.

Grant proposals and projects were rated numerically according to the Commission's criteria, goals, and objectives, and Commissioners' scores for each project were tabulated and discussed further. The two applicants receiving the lowest scores were eliminated from consideration – Grand Junction Senior Theatre and Sweet Adelines Grand Mesa Chorus – as was the applicant who failed to attend the presentation meeting – Western Colorado Chorale. After further consideration a motion was made by Doug Clary, seconded by Bill Whaley, to recommend that the City Council approve the following grant requests in the following amounts:

Mesa County Valley School District #51 Artists-In-Residence Program	\$8,000
KAFM Public Radio Arts & Entertainment Calendar/Radio Room Concerts	\$3,200
KRMJ-TV Rocky Mountain PBS "Western Bounty" programs	\$2,500
Western Colorado Center for the Arts Summer Art Camp	\$2,000
MESA Youth "Fiddler on the Roof" children's production	\$2,000
Grand Junction Musical Arts Association/GJ Symphony music purchase	\$1,500
Downtown Association/Downtown Development Assoc. Art & Jazz Festival	\$1,500
St. Andrews Guild Grand Valley Renaissance Festival	\$1,000
Mesa State College Unity Fest Native American Day	\$1,000
Mesa State Foundation Music at Mesa Guest Artist Series concert	\$1,000
Mesa County Public Library "One Book One Community"	\$1,000

Western Colorado Botanical Gardens Friday Night Concert Series	\$1,000
Cinema at the Avalon Senior Matinee Film Series	\$1,000
JABOA (Just A Bunch Of Artists) Artists Studio Tour	\$300

The motion carried unanimously. The recommendations will be presented to City Council March 1 and voted on March 3, 2004. A letter was read from the Schumann Singers thanking the Commission for past support and noting that they have become self-supporting in the last two years so would not be submitting a grant application this year. Commission members acknowledged their appreciation of organizations who work toward self-sufficiency for their projects.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for January, 2004 and the Year-End Financial Report for 2003 were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Clary, seconded by Whaley, affirming that the Commission is very pleased with the Cultural Arts Coordinator's performance.

Lora Quesenberry introduced herself to the group. She has just been appointed to the Commission and will receive her Certificate of Appointment from the City Council March 3. Karen Kiefer and Joan Meyers have been reappointed for a second term and will also receive certificates March 3. Retiring Commission member Bill Whaley was thanked and commended for his years of service and contribution to the board.

The Coordinator noted that the deadline to apply for funding from the Colorado Council on the Arts for 2004-2005 is March 1, asking if the Commission wished to apply for funds to supplement their annual re-granting program as has been done in the past. The consensus of the Commission was to apply for re-granting funds as done in prior years.

The Coordinator presented a request from Cheryl Hogan, owner of Original Accents, and a member of the Downtown Association, to purchase the Commission's mailing list of visual artists. Downtown galleries and specialty stores plan to partner with area artists and the Art Center to do evening openings on the last Friday of each month starting in May. The Coordinator explained that non-profit organizations can purchase the list for \$10, but businesses who wish to utilize the list must be approved by the Commission on a case by case basis. A motion was made by Priscilla Mangnall, seconded by Karen Kiefer, to provide mailing labels of area visual artists for a one-time use by downtown businesses at a cost of \$20. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS TABLED: Selection of a new chairperson, appointment of new committees, and committee reports were tabled until the next meeting for lack of time. As there was no further business to come before the board, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator