

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
June 23, 2004

Commissioners Present: Pamela Blythe Karen Kiefer
Lee Borden Priscilla Mangnall
Doug Clary Joan Meyers
Jack Delmore Lora Quesenberry

Commissioners Absent: Janet Prell

Others Present: Mari Steinbach (Recreation Superintendent) and Sam Szymanski (City Communications Coordinator)

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Doug Clary called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. A motion was made by Karen Kiefer, seconded by Pamela Blythe, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting of May 26, 2004 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

"TRUMBO: RED, WHITE, AND BLACKLISTED": The Commission discussed sponsoring Curious Theatre's (Denver) traveling production of the Dalton Trumbo play in Grand Junction in November. Priscilla Mangnall distributed a list of other possible events and partner organizations that would be included in a multi-day Trumbo tribute festival. Curious Theatre's proposal to the Commission offered two different fee options. A motion was made by Pamela Blythe, seconded by Priscilla Mangnall, to sponsor the play at the Avalon Theater on Friday, November 12, utilizing option #1, which includes an appearance fee of \$2,000, plus 10% of the gross box office receipts to Curious Theatre, 9% of the gross box office receipts to author Christopher Trumbo, and hotel accommodations for cast and crew members. The motion carried unanimously. It was decided to charge \$7 per ticket, general admission for everyone, but to consider group rates for very large (particularly school) groups. The Coordinator reported that Chris Trumbo has agreed to come for the event, and she will find out if he has an appearance fee. Mangnall reiterated her offer to coordinate "Shale City Remembers – the Dalton Trumbo Tribute", and Kiefer will help.

ONE PERCENT FOR THE ARTS PROJECTS – WINGATE PARK: The Coordinator reported that the Parks Department did not receive the additional grant funding for park construction they had applied for and; therefore, the 1% allocation remains \$5,000. The consensus of the Commission was not to re-advertise for 1% art proposals, but to review the various sculpture proposals received in April for the park from 12 Colorado artists, including two from Grand Junction. After further discussion a motion was made by Mangnall, seconded by Joan Meyers, to recommend that the City Council purchase the bronze sculpture "Turtle" by Mary Zimmerman for Wingate Park. The motion carried unanimously.

REDLANDS FIRE STATION: Kiefer and Meyers reported on the June 12 dedication ceremony for the new fire station. The Commission discussed the fact that the bronze fireman sculpture was placed very far back from the street, making it difficult to see when driving by, and the Coordinator explained that the location was decided by the Fire Department. It was also noted that a tree was planted in front of the sculpture

which will make the piece even more difficult to view in the future. Commission members reported receiving numerous compliments about the new sculpture from area residents.

CANYON VIEW PARK: The Coordinator reported that the new 1% for the Arts sculpture "Love Song" was installed at the 24½ Road entrance to Canyon View Park on June 22. She described the landscaping that will go around the piece. Commission members who've seen the sculpture were very pleased with it, and a motion was made by Kiefer, seconded by Jack Delmore, to accept "Love Song" and approve final payment to the artist. The motion carried unanimously. (Commission member Lee Borden had to leave the meeting at 5:00PM.)

Proposed fund raising by the Commission to purchase Gunnar Anderson's kite mobile for Canyon View Park was addressed. It was decided to ask the artist if he might be able make the piece 36 feet in height rather than the proposed 30 feet, in order to increase its visibility from the highway. Clary, Mangnall, and the Coordinator are working on various printed fundraising materials, including a photograph of the sculpture as it might appear in the park. The consensus is to find a corporate sponsor who will donate \$10,000 toward the \$30,000 project.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for June was distributed and reviewed. Because the Coordinator will be on vacation the last week of July, the Commission changed the date of the next regular meeting to Wednesday, July 21. The Coordinator reported that the Colorado Arts Consortium/Arts Commission workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 19 was cancelled because only five people had registered. The consensus was that an all-day Saturday seminar in the summer presented scheduling problems for many potential attendees.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBIT COMMITTEE: Removal of the current art exhibit pieces and installation of the new exhibit will be the morning of July 1, and the opening reception will be the evening of July 2, in conjunction with the downtown First Friday Art Hop. Commission members Kiefer, Meyers, and Lora Quesenberry volunteered to help with the installation.

MARKETING & MEDIA COMMITTEE: The consensus of the Commission is that the new website design completed over the last month by volunteer Marilyn Coughran will be a good interim step until the end of the year when Doug Clary will have the time to add additional graphics to the site.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator