

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

Commissioners Present: Lee Borden Priscilla Mangnall
 Doug Clary Joan Meyers
 Karen Kiefer Lora Quesenberry

Commissioners Absent: Pamela Blythe, Jack Delmore
Others Present: Mari Steinbach (Recreation Superintendent)

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 4:00pm. A motion was made by Joan Meyers, seconded by Karen Kiefer, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on June 23, 2004 as written (the regular meeting in July was cancelled due to lack of agenda items). The motion carried unanimously.

WESTLAKE PARK 1% FOR THE ARTS: Several Commission members commented favorably on the recently installed sculpture by Joe McGrane in Westlake Park, and the Cultural Arts Coordinator noted that the necessary documentation has been received. A motion was made by Lee Borden, seconded by Joan Meyers, to approve and accept the sculpture "Wave Parade" by Joe McGrane for the City's permanent public art collection. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION SPONSORED CULTURAL EVENTS: Board members volunteered to attend up-coming Commission sponsored events as follows: Mesa County Public Library "One Book, One Mesa County" August 27th Press Conference – Doug Clary, and October 8th Kick-Off Reception – Karen Kiefer; October 23rd JABOA Artists Studio Tour – Joan Meyers and Lora Quesenberry. Joan Meyers will also assist the Cultural Arts Coordinator with staffing a booth at the September 11th "Meet Me At the River" Festival at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens. Chairman Clary will also represent the Commission on the program of the October 23rd Canyon View Park East Dedication. It was noted that none of the Commission members will be attending the annual Colorado Arts Consortium Conference in Pagosa Springs in September this year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letters were noted from Joe McGrane, the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild (for their recent exhibit in City Hall), JABOA (for the Commission's donation toward their studio tour), and the Saint Andrews Renaissance Guild (for the donation to the Grand Valley Renaissance Faire.)

SHALE CITY REVISITED—DALTON TRUMBO TRIBUTE: Priscilla Mangnall and the Coordinator reported on a planning meeting with representatives of the library and Cinema at the Avalon to coordinate events for the Trumbo festival. Mesa State College and the Museum of Western Colorado will also be participating, and the festival will take place November 10 – 13, with the Commission sponsored play "Trumbo: Red, White, and Blacklisted" on November 12. A reception before or after the play was discussed, including costs, locations, and possible sponsors.

WINGATE PARK 1% FOR THE ARTS: The Commission discussed a location for the bronze turtle sculpture in Wingate Park. The consensus was that it should be placed on a berm near the trail and near the main entrance, visible from South Camp Road if feasible, and not beside or in the playground. The hope is that children, and others, will enjoy the sculpture, but not be encouraged to play on it. The Commission also hopes the sculpture can be lighted in some way, and the Coordinator will discuss these preferences with the Park Planner.

REPORTS: The Cultural Arts Coordinator's Report for August and the Commission's budget for 2005 were distributed and reviewed. Commission projects for next year relative to the budget were discussed, and the consensus was that there would be not major changes in on-going programs or in budgeted amounts for each of the various projects and activities.

A meeting of the Business in the Arts Awards Committee was scheduled for September 16 at 4PM in the Parks Administration office to select this year's winners and the award artwork.

Priscilla Mangnall reported that the Eagle's Lodge on the Fifth Street hill on Orchard Mesa has a new mural on their building, suggesting that a letter be sent to them in appreciation of their support for art. She also reported that renowned muralist King Louie will be in town in the near future, according to Linda Villa, and explained that he had done a number of local murals in the past, most of which are now gone.

CANYON VIEW PARK PUBLIC ART: Purchase of Gunnar Anderson's kite mobile for Canyon View Park was discussed, the consensus being that it is time to finalize this purchase if the additional funding can be found, either from the City Council and/or from local businesses. Mangnall volunteered to call some of the construction companies who worked on the recent addition to the park and ask for donations. The Coordinator will discuss funding options with the Parks and Recreation Director.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator