

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
December 1, 2004

Commissioners Present: Terra Anderson Karen Kiefer
Pamela Blythe Priscilla Mangnall
Doug Clary Joan Meyers
Jack Delmore

Commissioners Absent: Lee Borden, Lora Quesenberry
Others Present: Mari Steinbach (Recreation Superintendent)

The November/December 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 Karen Kiefer, seconded by Pamela Blythe, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on October 27, 2004, with a correction in the last paragraph stating that Commission member Jack Delmore plans to serve on another arts organization board so he will not be applying for reappointment to the Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letters for Commission grant donations were read from the Western Colorado Center for the Arts and JABOA (Just a Bunch of Artists).

PUBLIC ART: The Commission discussed the purchase of the kite mobile sculpture by Gunnar Anderson entitled "The Community That Plays Together..." for Canyon View Park. They reviewed a 2004 year-to-date financial report from the Coordinator showing Commission spending through November, noting the as yet unspent budget for capital project artwork purchases which was carried over from 2003. The Cultural Arts Coordinator noted that the contract to commission the piece is being reviewed by the City Attorney's office. There was a discussion about asking the artist for a stipulation in the contract to preclude his creating a similar work of art for anyone else or at least not for any other location within a 500 mile radius of Grand Junction.

There was a discussion about the proposed colors of the three kites, several Commission members saying that the orange and red kites are too similar in hue and perhaps one of the kites might be blue or green. There was also a discussion about the possibility of asking that the mobile be 36 feet in height rather than the proposed 30 feet. The Coordinator will address all of these issues with the sculptor. A motion was made by Karen Kiefer, seconded by Jack Delmore, to finalize an agreement with Gunnar Anderson to purchase the kite mobile "The Community That Plays Together..." for \$25,000 (which includes a discount/donation of \$1,000 by the artist from the original \$26,000 price) with the provision that the artist agrees to some measure of exclusivity for Grand Junction for this work of art. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for November was distributed and reviewed. The recent and successful Dalton Trumbo Tribute Festival was discussed, the Coordinator noting that around 500 people attended all the various events offered during the four day festival, including about 220 at the Commission sponsored play "Trumbo: Red, White & Blacklisted". The Commission hosted meeting on November 17 with the new

Executive Director of the Colorado Council on the Arts, Colorado Senator Ron Teck, and local arts organization representatives was also discussed.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBIT COMMITTEE: The art exhibit at City Hall will be changed January 3 and several Commission members volunteered to help with installation of the new artwork by Bud Markos, Mickey Krakowski, the Embroiderers' Guild, and the Grand Valley Blacksmiths' Guild. The opening reception for the exhibit will be Friday, January 7 at 5:30pm.

The Coordinator relayed a request from the Art Quilt Association (AQuA), a group the exhibit committee invited to display on the Community Art Wall during 2005. AQuA would like permission to mount an extensive display of their artwork, much of which is fairly large, as the only artists on temporary display throughout the entire building in April–June 2006. The Commission agreed with this idea and a motion was made by Pamela Blythe, seconded by Terra Anderson, to have the Art Quilt Association do an exhibit of their work exclusively in the City Hall in April–June 2006. The motion carried unanimously. The Coordinator recommended inviting The Limner's Guild to display artwork in place of AQuA in July–September 2005, and the Commission concurred.

Priscilla Mangnall reported that the family of the late Grand Junction artist Jackie Hoth might be willing to donate one of Jackie's paintings to the City art collection, and the Coordinator noted that an "Artwork Donation Form" should be completed so the Commission could consider such a proposal.

MARKETING AND MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair Doug Clary reported that his work redesigning the Commission's website, www.gjarts.org, is progressing and it should be in place by the end of the year.

BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARDS COMMITTEE: The Business in the Arts Awards presentation at the Symphony Gala on November 13 was discussed, as well as ways to encourage more nominations for the awards in 2005. Clary suggested restructuring the awards so that one award is given to a business and one award is given to an individual, rather than to two businesses. Mangnall suggested restructuring the selection process so there is a nomination committee (which could include past award winners) to allow the Commission to generate nominations, in addition to taking nominations from arts and cultural organizations and artists. The consensus of the Commission was to consider this issue further in 2005.

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