## Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture Minutes February 23, 2005

Commissioners Present: Terra AndersonJack DelmorePamela Blythe (arrived 5:00pm)Priscilla MangnallLee Borden (arrived 4:30pm)Joan MeyersDoug ClaryLora Quesenberry

Commissioners Absent: Karen Kiefer

Others Present: Tim and Kathryn Mientke (Western Colo. Chamber Music Series), Vera Mulder

The regular meeting of the Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Doug Clary called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Clary noted two corrections in the minutes of the January meeting: Commissioner Lee Borden was present, not absent, and under "Reports" on page 2, the last sentence in the first paragraph about the kite mobile should include the word "mile" in the phrase "within a 400 mile radius of Grand Junction". A motion was made by Priscilla Mangnall, seconded by Joan Meyers, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on January 26, 2005 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: A request by artist Jodi McIntosh to include a dance presentation at the April 1 City Hall Art Exhibit opening reception with two of her free-form fabric art pieces which will be on display was discussed. Photographs of the proposed dance were viewed. Some concerns were expressed about possible content, past experiences, and public performances. The consensus of the Commission was that while the idea of dance as part of a visual work of art is creative and unique, the City Hall reception is not an appropriate venue for belly dancing.

The Coordinator presented a suggestion from a Mesa State College Dance Department accompanist that the Commission nominate retiring college Dance Department Chair Ann Sanders for a lifetime achievement award from the Colorado Dance Alliance. The consensus of the Commission was to submit this nomination, which is due April 1.

Discussion about a Lincoln Park tree carving project was tabled awaiting more information.

COMMISSION RE-GRANTING FOR ARTS & CULTURAL EVENTS/PROJECTS/PROGRAMS: The Commission reviewed requests totaling \$51,097 from 18 local organizations and agencies for financial support of their cultural events and projects.

For the record, the following Commission member potential conflicts of interest were noted as required by City Council policy, and they abstained from voting on and speaking about those specific grant requests: Jack Delmore is a professor at Mesa State College and a new member of the board of the Grand Junction Musical Arts Association; Priscilla Mangnall will be involved with the Mesa State Foundation play "The Biggest Thief in Town" and may be hired to help with the Grand Junction Symphony opera production; and Lee Borden's daughter has been cast as the lead in the Grand Valley Community Theatre play "Yours Anne". 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 averaged. After extensive discussion a motion was made by Priscilla Mangnall, seconded by Jack Delmore, 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	\$7,500
KAFM Community Radio Arts & Entertainment Calendar/Local Artists CD	\$3,000
Grand Junction Symphony "Die Fledermaus" opera production Rocky Mt. Public Television KRMJ "Western Bounty" arts segments	\$2,000 \$2,000
Western Colorado Botanical Gardens Summer Music Concerts Art Center Summer Art Camp Children's Classes	\$1,800 \$1,000
Colorado Symphony (Denver) Summer Tour – Grand Junction Concert	\$1,000
Downtown Association Art & Jazz Festival	\$1,000
Grand Valley Community Theatre "Yours Anne" Anne Frank musical	\$1,000
Mesa State College Art Dept. Design & Build High School Art Project	\$1,000
Cinema at the Avalon Senior Matinee Posters/Postcards Printing	\$800
Colo. West Performing Arts/Western Colo. Chamber Music Series Concert	\$800
Grand Junction Centennial Band Percussion Equipment Acquisition	\$800
Mesa State Foundation Dalton Trumbo Play "The Biggest Thief in	\$800
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Reader's Festival	\$800
Museum of Western Colorado "Singspiration" Concerts	\$700
Pastel Society of Colorado "Passages in Pastels" Members Exhibit	\$500
St. Andrews Renaissance Guild Grand Valley Renaissance Festival Total Grants Awarded \$27,000	\$500

The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission thanked outgoing board members Jack Delmore and Priscilla Mangnall for their many years of exemplary service on the Commission. As there was no further business to come before the board, the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo Cultural Arts Coordinator