

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
August 24, 2005

Commissioners Present: Terra Anderson Karen Kiefer
Gunilla Bishop Joan Meyers
Pamela Blythe Vera Mulder
Doug Clary

Commissioners Absent: Lee Borden, Lora Quesenberry

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 Karen Kiefer, seconded by Gunilla Bishop, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on July 27, 2005, with a grammatical clarification. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – LIBRARY DONATION: A letter was read from the Mesa County Public Library Foundation and Trumbo *Eclipse* Committee asking for a donation of \$1,000 to help defray costs associated with the December 9th Dalton Trumbo 100th birthday event. The Coordinator noted that the Commission has this amount available in their annual grant funding program because one of the other cultural events previously approved for funding was cancelled. She also noted that the library had not requested or received financial support this year. It was suggested that supporting the Trumbo event would be appropriate, given the Commission's sponsorship of last year's Dalton Trumbo festival and play at the Avalon Theater. A motion was made by Karen Kiefer, seconded by Vera Mulder, to donate \$1,000 to the Mesa County Public Library District Foundation for the Trumbo 100th Birthday Celebration. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter was noted from the Pastel Society of Colorado for the Commission's support of their recent art exhibit.

OLD BUSINESS – PERCENT FOR ART PROJECTS: With regard to the six feet in diameter concrete footings required for the artwork columns being created by Pat Olson for the Lincoln Park Moyer Pool Splashpad, Pamela Blythe reported that Lindauer Engineering feels the footings have to be that large because of the weight and height of the columns and the extremely poor soil conditions in that area. Blythe said there is no recourse but to install the footings as the engineer has designed, and the Coordinator reported that this is also the opinion of the City Engineering Department. The artwork will be completed and installed in September after the pool closes.

OLD BUSINESS – BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARDS: A meeting of this committee scheduled for August 18 had been cancelled, so the Commission reviewed and discussed the criteria and guidelines for the annual Business in the Arts Awards, noting a need to revitalize the award program in order to generate more nominations and more recognition for the program. A list of nominees from past years was reviewed, and ideas centered on honoring both an individual and a business rather than to two businesses, with the criteria staying basically the same – long-term, on-going support

and commitment to the arts and cultural community and/or local artists and arts organizations. A motion was made by Terra Anderson, seconded by Pamela Blythe, that any business, organization, or individual is eligible to be nominated for the two awards. The motion carried unanimously. The award presentation will be done at the Symphony Gala November 12.

A number of possible new names for the awards were discussed, which would reflect more than just businesses. Unable to come to consensus on a title however, Commission members decided to keep thinking about a new name via e-mail over the next few days. The Coordinator will revise and reprint the brochure requesting nominations from arts organizations, artists, service clubs, and others, as well as the "Call for Entries" brochure inviting artwork submissions to be given as the awards, and these will be mailed by the end of August. A meeting of the Business in the Arts Awards Committee was scheduled for Monday, September 26 at 4:00PM to select the winners and the award artwork. [This meeting was later changed to Thursday, September 22.]

OLD BUSINESS – ARTISANSFORCOLORADO.COM WEBSITE: At the last Commission meeting, Ross Barefoot with FLEXISS L.L.C., a web company, had offered to donate his artists' registry website, ArtisansOfColorado.com, to the Commission. The Commission discussed this further but felt this was not a project they wanted to take on, given the site's lack of success to date. A motion was made by Karen Kiefer, seconded by Pamela Blythe, not to accept the ArtisansOfColorado.com web site project donation. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: The Coordinator Report for August was distributed and reviewed. Karen Kiefer and Joan Meyers reported on the second session of tile painting which was done August 20 at the Lincoln Park Moyer Pool, and which Vera Mulder is currently working on firing and mounting.

Chairman Doug Clary noted a need for Commission members to maintain good meeting attendance, with a minimum requirement being that Commissioners not miss more than three meetings in any twelve month period, according to the By-laws. The Chairman and the Coordinator reported that Commissioner Lee Borden has resigned from the Commission, having missed six meetings out of the last twelve.

The next art exhibit at City Hall was discussed and the opening reception planned for October 7. The Coordinator noted that last year's October reception was not well attended, unlike other receptions held during the year, and the Commission decided to move the time of the reception up half an hour and have it from 5:00PM–6:30PM, in hopes of making it more convenient, especially for the City of Grand Junction employees who will be displaying artwork.

Commission member Terra Anderson tendered her resignation from the board, explaining that she is moving to Durango soon. Commission members expressed their thanks for her valued participation. The Coordinator will notify the City Clerk about the two Commission vacancies.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator