

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
February 28, 2007

Commissioners Present: Doug Clary Vera Mulder
 Karen Kiefer Lora Quesenberry
 Jeanine Howe Katherine Rhein
 Joan Meyers

Commissioners Absent: Gunilla Bishop

Others Present: Traci Altergott (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. An amendment to the minutes of the Commission's January 24, 2007 meeting was noted by Clary, that in the second paragraph of the second page, the statement "Commissioner Doug Clary thought that Mitchell's was a bit too cartoonish in style" should include "for this particular installation." Karen Kiefer noted that the list of Commissioners absent in the minutes of the Commission's February 15, 2007 special meeting should include Gunilla Bishop. A motion was made by Kiefer, seconded by Jeanine Howe, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meetings on January 24, 2007 and February 15, 2007 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission discussed the up-coming grant application due to the Colorado Council on the Arts for 2008 projects, and the consensus of the Commission was to apply for \$15,000 in funding to add to the Commission's grant program which supports community arts and cultural projects. This project has been the Commission's annual request to CCA for ten years. The Commission discussed the possibility of nominating the Art on the Corner exhibit and City of Grand Junction/Arts Commission cultural programs for the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and the consensus of the Commission was to pursue this nomination.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for February and final report for 2006 Commission expenditures were distributed and reviewed. The Coordinator noted that a community-wide luncheon about "The Arts Mean Business" on April 26/April 27 has been postponed until early June. The following Commissioners volunteered to assist with these City Hall art exhibit projects: SunWorks exhibit installation March 26 at 10am – Kiefer, Mulder, Quesenberry; SunWorks reception March 29 at 5pm – Clary, Kiefer, Meyers; high school art teachers' exhibit installation April 16 at 4pm – Mulder, Quesenberry; April 18 or 19 reception – Clary, Mulder, Rhein.

COMMISSION GRANT PROGRAM: The Commission reviewed requests totaling \$69,909 from 25 local nonprofit organizations for financial support in 2007 for arts and cultural events and projects. The Commission has \$36,600 in funds to donate (\$29,000 in City funds and \$7,600 from the Colorado Council on the Arts), and in addition to the requested grants, the applicant organizations expect to leverage an additional \$179,000 in donations from businesses, individuals, and other agencies, and expect to reach an audience of over 60,000 people.

The Commission began its discussion about the requests with a declaration of Commission members' potential conflicts of interest: Karen Kiefer – Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus Youth Program and Hilltop Community Resources' play; Jeanine Howe – Hilltop Community Resources' play; Vera Mulder and Joan Meyers – MCV School District #51 Artist-in-Residence Program. These Commissioners will refrain from discussing and voting on those applications.

Commissioners discussed the applications individually and collectively with regard to how well each event or project met the grant program goals, objectives, and review criteria. Following the lengthy discussion, the applications were scored by each Commissioner and Chair Clary then tallied the scores and ranked the applications in order of priority. It was decided to fully fund the top eleven applications (excluding KAFM's request for funds to produce their Radio Room CD in addition to their Arts &

Entertainment Calendar). The consensus of the Commission was to recommend to City Council that the following arts and cultural events, projects, and programs be supported with the following grant awards (listed in ranked order):

Two Chairs Theater Company Original Play Performance	\$1,100
Sweetwater Shakespeare Company Shakespeare in the Parks	\$1,700
Graham Celtic Productions Evening of Celtic Entertainment	\$400
Artspace & Open Studios Training Series for Local Artists	\$2,000
Art Mobile of Colorado Traveling Art Exhibits & Lessons	\$1,500
KAFM Community Radio Arts & Entertainment Calendar	\$4,500
Center for Independence Art Classes for the Disabled	\$1,000
Messiah Choral Society Messiah Performance	\$800
The Schumann Singers Concert Music Library Purchases	\$750
Western Slope Chamber Music Series Concert	\$1,500
Hilltop Community Resources/Mesa State College/Latimer House Play	\$2,400
Rocky Mt. Public Broadcasting KRMJ-TV "Western Bounty"	\$2,000
High Desert Opera New Years Eve Gala Concert	\$1,000
CO Plateau Mt. Bike Trails Assoc. Bike Festival/Bike Sculpture	\$1,000
Grand Junction Centennial Band Music Library Purchases	\$1,000
Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra October Concert	\$1,000
Western CO Botanical Gardens Summer Concert Series	\$1,500
Western CO Watercolor Society National Juried Art Exhibition	\$1,200
Bookcliff Harmony Chorus Youth in Harmony Education Program	\$1,500
Western CO Center for the Arts Summer Art Camp	\$1,000
GJ Downtown Partnership Art & Jazz Festival	\$750
Cinema at the Avalon Increased Publicity	\$1,000
Western CO Chorale Concert	\$1,000
Mesa Co. Valley School District #51 Artists-in-Residence Program	\$5,000

As there was no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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