

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
April 25, 2007

Commissioners Present:	Gunilla Bishop	Don Meyers
	Doug Clary	Vera Mulder
	Jeanne Killgore	Lora Quesenberry
	Jeanine Howe	Katherine Rhein

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. A motion was made by Jeanine Howe, seconded by Vera Mulder, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on March 28, 2007 as written. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission welcomed new board members Don Meyers and Jeanne Killgore.

PUBLIC ART: Plans to assist with the up-coming Art on the Corner Sculpture Change were discussed and Commissioners Bishop, Killgore, Meyers, Quesenberry, and Rhein, and Recreation Superintendent Traci Altergott volunteered for various jobs cleaning sculptures, waxing bronzes, and painting pedestals.

Chairman Doug Clary distributed several photographs from Ken Johnson of the almost completed clay version of the Dalton Trumbo memorial sculpture being created by Utah artist Michael Wilson.

COMMISSION GRANT PROGRAM: The Coordinator circulated a list of up-coming arts and cultural events to which the Commission is donating funding, and Commission members Bishop, Howe, Killgore, Meyers, Mulder, Quesenberry, and Rhein volunteered to attend various events in order to monitor the activities of the Commission's grant recipients. Jeanine Howe and Don Meyers reported on the recent play "My Name is Not Eve", saying that the production and after-show events went very well, played to a sold-out crowd the final night, and received good feedback from the audience. Meyers reported on the "Messiah" concert, saying that it was very well put together and had good attendance. Kat Rhein reported that Artspace & Open Studios will be presenting two artist training sessions at Vectra Bank, at no cost to Artspace for the facility, as well as a month-long exhibit at the bank. Thank you letters were read from Cinema at the Avalon and Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus for Commission donations.

COMMISSION VACANCY: The Coordinator reported that the City Council still needs to fill the vacancy of former member Rob Oppenborn, and that the Council wants to know what expertise the Commission could use in a new board member. The consensus of the Commission was that having an architect (as Oppenborn was) or, secondarily, a musician on the board would be a benefit.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for March and Financial Report of Commission expenditures to date in 2007 were distributed and discussed. The Commission discussed when to do this year's kids tile painting project for Lincoln Park Moyer Pool, either Friday, June 1 during the pool's "School's Out Party" or Saturday, June 30 during the City's 125th Celebration Youth Day. Because some board members will be out of town June 1, the consensus was to do the tile painting on June 30, from 10am until noon. Chair Clary offered the use of his two "easy-up" canopies and two tables. The Commission discussed a request from Artspace & Open Studios to do a reception at City Hall for the new art exhibit and this was scheduled for Wednesday, June 6. [Note: Artspace decided not to do a reception after all.]

COMMISSION COMMITTEES FOR 2007: The Coordinator distributed a list and sign-up sheet for the Commission's various standing committees, and the duties of each were explained to the new members.

Commission members volunteered for the committees on which they wished to serve and the Chair asked Vice-chair Lora Quesenberry to assign members to committees. Commission committee appointments:

Art in Public Places Committee

Gunilla Bishop
 Jeanne Killgore
 Don Meyers
 Doug Clary (on all committees as Chair)

Champion of the Arts Awards Committee

Doug Clary
 Jeanine Howe
 Vera Mulder
 Lora Quesenberry
 Kat Rhein

City Hall Art Exhibit Committee

Gunilla Bishop
 Doug Clary
 Jeanne Killgore
 Don Meyers
 Vera Mulder
 Lora Quesenberry

Marketing and Media Committee

Doug Clary
 Jeanine Howe
 Kat Rhein

COMMISSION BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT: Because the Commission has two new board members, the Coordinator distributed copies of the “Board Member Commitment Statement”, the idea for which had been discussed at the Commission’s retreat last summer and a draft presented and revised last fall. Commission members reviewed the board member responsibilities and conflict of interest information. Each Commissioner signed a copy of the form. The Coordinator will mail a commitment statement form to Commissioners Bishop and Mulder who both had to leave the meeting early.

With regard to the first item in the commitment statement about attendance at regular Commission meetings, Chair Clary recommended that the annual grant presentation meeting held every February is so important that it should be counted as a regularly scheduled meeting for purposes of the meeting attendance required by the bylaws, as well as the Commission meeting the following day to decide the grant awards. The Commission’s bylaws stipulate that: “Failure to attend four (4) regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission within any twelve (12) month period shall result in a recommendation to the City Council for removal of the member.” A motion was made by Don Meyers, seconded by Kat Rhein, that the February grant presentation meeting, and the February monthly meeting, both be considered regular meetings for attendance purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
 Cultural Arts Coordinator