

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture  
Minutes  
August 22, 2007

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

Commissioners Absent: Gunilla Bishop

Others Present: Tina Ross (Aquatics Coordinator), 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 Kat Rhein, seconded by Jeanne Killgore, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on June 27, 2007. The motion carried unanimously. New Commission member Gisela Flanigan was welcomed to the board and introductions made.

**1% FOR THE ARTS PROJECTS – ORCHARD MESA SWIMMING POOL:** The Coordinator reported that the Commission has an up-coming percent for art project with the new waterslide which will be installed inside the Orchard Mesa Pool. Aquatics Coordinator Tina Ross presented the idea of having colorful fabric artwork which would hang from the walls and/or ceiling and add dimension to the room. The Commission looked at a photograph of the pool area to get an idea of the space and the existing mural on one wall. The possibility of a metal mobile was also discussed. The Coordinator explained that the usual procedure for selecting art through the 1% program has been with an open "Call for Entries" or an invitation to a select group of artists.

Ross noted that the total cost of the waterslide is \$165,000, making the 1% for art budget \$1,650. The Coordinator noted by comparison that the large fabric mobile and doorway glass etching in the front lobby of the City Hall cost \$50,000, suggesting that the board might consider augmenting the \$1,650 with some portion of the Commission's \$10,000 line item for purchase of artwork. Ross noted that the slide will be installed in November, the Coordinator stating that it is unlikely an artist can be selected and art created that quickly, but that the artwork could be added later. There was a discussion about adding \$3,000–\$5,000 from the Commission's budget to the \$1,650 art allocation. Because the indoor pool is a unique and potentially problematic area in which to incorporate art, Commission members decided to visit the pool prior to their next meeting, and tabled a decision about the type of art for which to advertise.

**1% FOR THE ARTS PROJECTS – POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER:** The Coordinator reported that another up-coming percent for art project involves the Police Communications Center remodel, which is a \$126,901 construction project, and 1% would equal \$1,270. The Coordinator noted, however, that she learned from the City Manager that this building is only temporary pending possible construction of a new police station in the future, and that Laurie Kadrach had suggested saving art purchases for permanent structures rather than temporary buildings. The consensus of the Commission was that since the 1% for the Arts resolution allows for the carry-over of unspent funds, and since the amount for this project is so small, and since the building is only temporary, the best idea would be to simply save the \$1,270 and add it to the future 1% for the arts allocation when a new permanent police station is built.

**FUTURE 1% FOR THE ARTS PROJETS:** Recreation Superintendent Traci Altergott reported that the Recreation Department would have two building projects in 2008 which the Commission would be selecting artwork for through the 1% program – the replacement of the Lincoln Park Moyer Pool waterslide (with a construction budget of about \$300,000) and the City’s portion of the new Columbine Elementary School (about \$600,000).

**REPORTS:** The Coordinator’s Reports for July and August were distributed and reviewed. Ways to continue to publicize the City’s winning the 2007 Governor’s Arts Award were discussed, including signage at City entrances and light pole banners. The Coordinator will check into both. The Coordinator noted that the next group scheduled to exhibit art in the main lobby at City Hall is unable to mount a display at this time, so she recommended leaving the current exhibit by the Mesa County School Employees Association up through the end of the year. The Commissioners had no objection.

An updated calendar of Commission activities and meetings through the end of the year was distributed and reviewed. The up-coming luncheon and presentation of the 2007 Governor’s Arts Award on August 23 was discussed and Commissioners Don Meyers and Lora Quesenberry volunteered to staff the registration table. A meeting of the Champion of the Arts Awards Committee was scheduled for September 19 at 4pm at the Parks & Recreation office.

The Coordinator presented a request from the Super Rad Art Foundation to display graffiti art on panels in front of City Hall during the month of December. The pieces are free standing and eight feet tall by four feet wide. It was mentioned that City Hall will have extensive Christmas decorations in December, and that a display of this kind would need to look professional. The Coordinator will check with City Hall on this issue and will ask for photographs of the pieces.

Commissioners Jeanine Howe and Don Meyers reported on having attended the Commission sponsored Shakespeare play put on by Sweetwater Shakespeare Company, noting that the production was, for several reasons, not a very high quality production, and that the organization itself is not very organized. It was estimated that the performances had an audience of about 50 the first week, 60 the second week, and 70 the final week. It was noted that this was the first year the group has performed in Grand Junction and that they will definitely need to show improvement if they apply for a grant from the Commission again, but that supporting new events and new arts activities is still a worthwhile use of Commission grant funds.

The closure of several local professional theaters over the last year was also discussed. Meyers volunteered to attend the September 21 Celtic show on behalf of the Commission.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman Clary asked new member Gisela Flanigan to serve on the Champion of the Arts Award Committee and she accepted, so that appointment was made. The Chair also appointed Vera Mulder to serve on the Marketing and Media Committee. As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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