

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
June 25, 2008

Commissioners Present: Gisela Flanigan Lora Quesenberry
 Don Meyers Katherine Rhein
 Pam McLaughlin Tanya Smith

Commissioners Absent: Jeanine Howe, Jeanne Killgore, Vera Mulder

Others Present: Kathy Portner and Sara Jennings from Neighborhood Services, Jay Valentine (Finance & Accounting), Scott Hockins and Vonda Thompson from the Purchasing Department.

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Kat Rhein called the meeting to order at 4pm. A motion was made by Don Meyers, seconded by Pam McLaughlin, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on May 28, 2008, with the correction of two typographical errors. The motion carried unanimously.

1% FOR ART PROJECT AT NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/FLEET SERVICES BUILDING:
The Commission and representatives from the City's Neighborhood Services, Fleet Services, Purchasing, and Finance Departments reviewed resumes and proposals submitted by six Colorado artists for the \$13,000 1% for Art project. A copy of the Call for Entries/Request for Qualifications was distributed and the various artists' work, photographs, and experience was discussed at length. The Coordinator noted that artists had not been asked to submit an artwork idea, although most did, and that the selection should really be made based on their qualifications more than on their design ideas, which could be changed. After a careful review of the photographs and drawings, and input from everyone at the table, the consensus of the group was to select Reven Swanson to complete the project. A motion was made by Don Meyers, seconded by Gisela Flanigan, to select Denver artist Reven Marie Swanson for the \$13,000 commission of artwork for the Neighborhood/Fleet Services building project. The motion carried unanimously.

The Coordinator presented a request from the Grand Valley Scientific and Cultural Alliance that the Commission help sponsor a workshop by Jane Hansberry, former director of Denver's Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, for local cultural and scientific organizations. The workshop would be an informational presentation for organizations' board members and staff, not the general public, about the history of Denver's SCFD and the election to adopt a dedicated tax for cultural and scientific organizations, which the Alliance has been researching. Hansberry's consulting fee is \$500, plus up to \$400 – \$500 in speaker and workshop expenses, and the Coordinator suggested that the Commission pay the consulting fee and other organizations cover additional expenses. A motion was made by Don Meyers, seconded by Pam McLaughlin, to allocate \$500 for the presentation fee, and have other organizations fund all additional expenses for the workshop. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION PROJECTS IN 2009 – The Commission reviewed the 2008 calendar of projects and programming to date and discussed new brochures to be produced, the Sourcebook directory of local artists and arts organizations, and the up-coming redesign of the Commission's website www.gjarts.org. With regard to possible new projects in 2009, McLaughlin mentioned her

interest in art education and noted that studies showed there are substantial benefits to art education. The Commission discussed ways to encourage more art in the schools and how it would fit into the curriculum. It was suggested that the Commission appoint an Arts Education Committee, and McLaughlin, Quesenberry, Flanigan, and Smith volunteered for this committee. A meeting was scheduled for Sept. 3 at 4:30pm in the Parks Administration office.

The Coordinator reported that she is not planning to schedule a day to do kids' tile painting at Lincoln Park Moyer Pool until the Parks crew is able to install the tile murals which were completed in 2006 and 2007 on the pool house wall. The Coordinator noted another idea from a member of the Recreation Department that the Commission offer a kids' chalk drawing contest, perhaps along the Sherwood Park sidewalk, but suggested that this might be something to consider in the fall or next summer.

REPORTS: The Coordinator's Report for June and the Commission's Financial Report for the first half of 2008 were distributed and reviewed. The Coordinator reported that work on publishing a new Grand Junction Area Gallery Guide is progressing, as is the 1% for Art tile mural projects for the Duck Pond and Sherwood Park restroom buildings.

City Hall Art Exhibit Committee – the next installation of artwork at City Hall will happen July 1, and McLaughlin and Meyers volunteered to help. An opening reception for the exhibit will be July 2, and Smith and (maybe) Flanigan volunteered to help set up the reception refreshments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator