

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
October 29, 2008

Commissioners Present: Gisela Flanigan Vera Mulder
 Jeanne Killgore Lora Quesenberry
 Don Meyers Katherine Rhein
 Pam McLaughlin Tanya Smith

Commissioners Absent: Jeanine Howe

Others Present: Shirley Nilsen (City Purchasing), Jeff Rome (City Information Services), Nattana Johnson (Monument Graphics), Ellie Phipps (O5 Communications), Lee Whitney, Heidi Bassignani and Keesha Davis (Ryan Whitney), Andrea Metz and Lee Joramo (DesignKiln).

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held at Two Rivers Convention Center on the above date. Chair Kat Rhein called the meeting to order at 4pm. A motion was made by Don Meyers, seconded by Jeanne Killgore, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on September 24, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Presentations were given by the following companies for the redesign, updating, and on-going maintenance of the Commission's website www.gjarts.org: Monument Graphics, O5 Communications, Ryan Whitney & Associates, and DesignKiln. In their presentations the firms showed examples of websites they had created and possible designs for the Commission site, demonstrated the system by which the Commission would be able to update pages on the site, explained how visitors to the site would be tracked, and answered questions from Commission members, Shirley Nilsen with the City Purchasing Department, and Jeff Rome with the City Information Systems Department.

Commission members were given ranking sheets for each firm with six specific criteria. Following the presentations and a lengthy discussion, straw votes were taken twice which eliminated two of the firms from consideration. After a discussion about the various rankings, and about the sites each company had designed and the sample new Commission sites, the Commission and City representatives decided by consensus to select Monument Graphics to redesign the Commission's website.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you card was noted from Sweet Adelines for including publicity about their concerts in the Commission's community cultural calendars. A letter was noted from Mesa County Public Library about a planned donor wall they will be erecting in 2009, which will include the Commission's name.

REPORTS: It was decided by consensus that the Commission's November and December meetings will be combined into one meeting and be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3. The meeting will include the selection of an artist to create the next Legends Historic Sculpture Project statue of William Moyer, with members of the Legends Committee.

The Coordinator's Report for October and the Commission's year to date Financial Report were distributed and reviewed.

The Coordinator suggested that since 13 Photography Gallery is going out of business, and since they were nominated for a Champion of the Arts Award, perhaps the Commission would consider breaking with tradition and recognizing them with an Honorable Mention award at the awards presentation during the up-coming Symphony Gala and in the newspaper advertising congratulating the award winners. The consensus of the Commission was to designate 13 Photography as an Honorable Mention and to give them a certificate.

The report from the Art Education Committee was tabled until the next meeting.

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