

## MINUTES

### Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, July 22, 2015, Parks and Recreation Office, Lincoln Park

**Commissioners Present:** Laura Bradley, Betsy Brodak, Betsey Dick, Jennifer Hancock, Marjorie Haun, Darcy Johnson, Lancer Livermont, Mary Olkowski, and Emily Pfeifer.

**Commissioners Absent:** Jeremy Franklin, Gary Ambrosier

**Also present:** Lorie Gregor, City Commissioner Bennett Boechenstein, Lisa Smith, Anna Stout, and Judy Dyrud.

Chair Lancer Livermont called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and Betsy moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015 meeting. Two changes were requested: to add Ed Arno to the list of visitors and to adjust the date for accuracy. Darcy seconded, and with these changes, minutes passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Help Hospitalized Veterans Craft Kit Show:** Lisa Smith presented on the work of the Help Hospitalized Veterans craft kit art therapy. As a national organization, they help thousands of veterans worldwide by purchasing art supplies and hosting shows and sales. Most of the vets working with art kits are first-time artists and get tremendous enjoyment out of the projects. The Commission agreed this would be an excellent choice for a City Hall show sometime in the future.

**Foundation for Cultural Exchange:** (Added to Agenda) City Commissioner Bennett Boechenstein introduced Anna Stout, with the Foundation for Cultural Exchange in Grand Junction. Anna reported on the planned festival on September 19 in front of City Hall celebrating Grand Junction's sister city El Espino, in El Salvador. The festival will mark ten years of the relationship between the two cities, and will coincide with a city proclamation by the City Commissioners. Part of the exchange has been a cross-cultural art project in which local artists produce art inspired by El Salvador, and El Salvadorian artists produce art inspired by Colorado. The Foundation will be showing many pieces at the festival and they will be auctioned off in November. Although the City Hall shows are already booked through this time period, the Commission offered good suggestions for other venues for the show of El Salvadorian art work.

**Marketing Committee:** (Added to Agenda) The Commission discussed ways to better ensure artists at the Commission-sponsored gallery spaces (especially at City Hall) do a better job of promoting the show and reception. The Marketing Committee will design a document before the September meeting for every participating artist with suggestions and requirements for marketing the show and/or reception. The Commission also discussed the possibility of holding a marketing "class" for participants at some point in the future.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Station 4:** Lorie reported on the 1% project for the new Fire Station 4; the approved statue will be renamed, as "Call of Duty" was determined to be too referential to the video game of the same name. The artist is designing an appropriate pedestal, and a target date of mid-January was agreed upon.

**Las Colonias Proscenium:** Lorie reported that the Las Colonias committee approved of the early ideas the Commission forwarded for the Proscenium wings. Project is on hold until a formalized budget for Phase II is in place. Once it is, the Commission will draft a call for artists.

#### REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Education Committee:** Betsy reported on the meeting of the Education Sub-Committee; it was decided to open this year's contest up to "non-essay" forms like poetry, "rhymes", or other options. The event will now be called "Write On!" and will hopefully appeal to a larger group of students. Ideas were discussed for appropriate prizes, including publishing the winning pieces in the Sentinel's "Out and About" section.

The due date for entries is September 21. The Sub-Committee will read and choose winners on September 23. The presentation of the winners will be during the First Friday reception at City Hall on October 2. Jennifer will make sure Rocky Mountain PBS continues its tradition of filming the winners reading their entries.

**Tiara Rado Call for Artists:** Lorie will be sending the call for “The Need for Speed” show to all Commission members and asks that they circulate. Deadline is August 9.

**Las Colonias:** Lorie reported that the bike racks by Jeff Bates have been installed from Phase One 1% funds, and Dave Davis’s sculpture “Blossom” has been moved to a more prominent location.

**Skate Park:** (Added to Agenda) Lorie reported that a local couple will be funding a skate park themed bench for the park. Efforts are ongoing to address the painting issues in the bowls, including moving the murals/available space for graffiti artists to the underside of bridges over the river.

The next regular meeting of GJCAC will be at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, at the Parks and Recreation Office in Lincoln Park. As there was no further business, Lancer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hancock