

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, August 26, 2015, Parks and Recreation Office, Lincoln Park

Commissioners Present: Laura Bradley, Betsey Dick, Jeremy Franklin, , Marjorie Haun, Lancer Livermont, Mary Olkowski, and Emily Pfeifer.

Commissioners Absent: Gary Ambrosier, Betsy Brodak, Jennifer Hancock, Darcy Johnson

Also present: Lorie Gregor, Joseph Sanchez, Randall Cupp, and Mikkel Kelly.

Chair Lancer Livermont called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm and Jeremy Franklin moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting. Marjorie Haun seconded, minutes passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

970 West Studio: Joseph Sanchez, Mesa County Public Library Director presented the plans for the 3000 sq. ft. audio/video production studio on 5th and Ouray. They will offer videography, audio production, education, training, imaging, archival preservation, and 3 month artist in residency program. Within these categories training, access, creation & preservation will be offered. Applicants will be assessed on their skill level and either allowed access to equipment or be recommended to classes for skill development. They are currently accepting applications for the artist in residency program. Required background check will allow 24/7 access to the studio, and the artist must agree to offer 3 public programs and to digitize and circulate their work in the library catalogue, donating limited rights to the library. Contact Jessica Geddes, jgeddes@mcpld.org. Open House scheduled for 3rd week in Nov. The Library would like the Arts Commission to promote the studio, recommend artists, and submit any well thought out ideas for partnership.

Arts Center new Executive Director: Randall Cupp, president of US Bank and past Commission member, introduced Mikkel Kelly, Executive Director of the Arts Center. Mikkel gave an update on improvements at the Arts Center which includes an ADA entrance in the rear of the building and adding an office for the ceramics director. The lecture series, which the Arts Commission gave a \$4500 grant for, held 12 lectures and had 628 people attend. Mikkel handed out an overview of the Lecture Series.

City Hall & Tiara Rado Exhibits: Lorie asked for volunteers to help with the next exhibits.

September 28 – City Hall Tear Down 8:00am – Lancer, Laura, Lorie

September 29 – City Hall Install 9:00am –Jeremy, Marjorie, Lorie, Emily

September 30 – Tiara Rado Teardown/install 9:30am –Marjorie & Lorie

October 2 – City Hall Art Reception 5:00pm – Lorie & Mary

The awards will be given to the winners of Write On! – attendance by the Commission is encouraged.

Riverfront Mural Trail: Lorie attended the Riverfront Commission meeting on August 18 and presented the idea of a Riverfront Mural Trail which would be painted by mural artists under the overpasses of the Riverfront Trail. The Riverfront Commission was amenable and Claudette Konola and Michele Rohrbach will sit on the coalition representing the Riverfront Commission. Lancer Livermont will represent the Arts Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Creative Writing Contest: Betsy was absent so Lorie gave an update. The information has been circulated to the Take Part In Art participants, the homeschool group, MACO, and it's promoted on our website and facebook. Emily will promote it to New Emerson, Juniper Ridge and Colbran. More ideas include CMU, the poetry group, and the IB program at Palisade. Prizes have been donated by KAFM: live recording and air time on WORDS, a basket from the Arts Center, and a family membership to the Math and Science Center. No submissions so far.

Help Hospitalized Veterans Craft Kit Show: The Commission agreed this would be an excellent choice for a City Hall show sometime in the future and Lorie will contact Lisa Smith, Executive Director.

Foundation for Cultural Exchange: Lorie contacted Anna Stout and set up an exhibit at City Hall for July – September of 2016. The Commission has requested jpegs of the work be submitted. Jeremy suggested making the wall by City Clerks available for the festivities this year.

Fire Station #4 1%: Lorie shared photos of the sculpture, which went to mold 8/18.

Las Colonias Proscenium: Lorie reported that the proscenium will be made from corten steel, which is what the Commission had hoped. The World of Tile donated 1 ton of tile which the Commission can use towards the mural project. It is being stored in Lincoln Park at parks maintenance.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centennial Band: Emily reported that 600 people attended the final concert in their series. Snob productions did a good job with sound. The concert was the perfect balance: nice family feel, excellent repertoire of music, and adorable narration. They acknowledged the Arts Commission grant of \$2435 for their concert series. They linked the Commission on their website and had great communication with Emily.

CMU Repertory Theatre: Emily was not able to attend the CMU Repertory Theatre due to a family emergency and she has asked Gary to present that report. Jeremy noted that Tim Pinnow has not been contacted regarding the grant and Emily said she would call him.

Strategic Plan Committee: In Jennifer's absence, Lancer noted that an email had been sent to set up the next committee meeting.

Marketing Committee: Laura gave an overview of the form that will be utilized for all new artists inquiring to become a part of the lists for our public art exhibits. It was emailed to all members of the Commission.

Champion of the Arts: Lancer reminded Jeremy that the subcommittee needed to meet for Champion of the Arts. Jeremy was aware and planning on calling a meeting.

Holiday Meeting: The Arts Commission will combine their November & December meetings into one meeting on November 18 at the Hospitality Suite in the Lincoln Park Sports Complex.

The next regular meeting of GJCAC will be at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 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,

Lorie Gregor