

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, January 27, 2015, Hospitality Suite, Stoker Stadium

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

Commissioners Absent: Gary Ambrosier, Mary Olkowski

Also present: Lorie Gregor

Chair Darcy Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm and moved to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Lorie corrected the spelling of Marjorie's name, and then, with that correction, Jennifer Hancock seconded and the minutes passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mesa Repertory Theatre: Dr. Tim Pinnow reported on Mesa Repertory Theatre's use of their 2015 grant through a fun video montage. They had a fabulous performing season in June with a play, a musical and a show for young children focused on creative story telling.

Riverside Education Center: Joy Hudak shared the success of the "Look What I Did" program which reached 50 at-risk families over 14 weeks in the fall of 2015. This after-school program provided singing, dancing and art lessons for children who otherwise would not have these opportunities. The families stayed after the culminating performance to make gingerbread houses together.

Mesa County Library Culture Fest: Karen Kkllanhja and her team created another wonderful Culture Fest event in November which included over 12,500 visitors per week (during the art show) and 140 at the reception. The cultural events included performances by Synthetic Irish Dance, Nine Province Kung Fu, Mathias Mulumba, Logo Ligi, Danza Azteca, Stray Grass, among others. The community had a great response this year including a survey that stated, "I just moved to town. So proud of our new community."

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Avalon and Public Exhibits: Stuart Taylor stated that the feasibility study was underway regarding the Events Center and therefore we should not install the art hanging system in the Avalon because the city may not be running it in the future. The Hot Air Balloon exhibit at Two Rivers and Brush and Palate exhibit at City Hall are a big hit.

Thank you to Marjorie, Darcy and Mary who judged the National Veterans Creative Arts Competition.

CULTURAL PLANNING TRAINING

Illene Rogensack trained the commissioners on how to facilitate the Cultural Planning session scheduled for Thursday, January 28th, with our community counterparts.

The next regular meeting of GJCAC will be at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24th, at the Parks and Recreation office. As there was no further business, Darcy declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Emily Pfeifer