

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, June 22, 2016, Parks and Recreation Office

Commissioners Present: Laura Bradley, Betsy Brodak, Betsey Dick, Darcy Johnson, Lancer Livermont, and **Commissioners Absent:** Gary Ambrosier, Thea Arandjelovic, Jennifer Hancock, Marjorie Haun and Mary Olkowski

Also present: Lorie Gregor, Rob Schoeber, Traci Wieland, Micaela Folsum, Robbie Boreaux, and Virginia Jensen.

Chair Darcy Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and moved to approve the minutes of the May 25 meeting. Betsy Brodack motioned, Betsy Dick seconded and the minutes passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Past Grant Recipient Coalition:

Micaela Folsum represented a group of approximately 20 past grant recipients. She explained the purpose of the group was to get together and talk about how the lack of grant funding has affected their organizations. They requested direction as to the next steps that would be most beneficial regarding reinstatement of the art grant for 2017.

Discussion ensued and it was determined that the past grant recipients would share data, information, and anecdotal information with the Arts Commission who would then draft a letter in support of reinstatement of the program which would ultimately be shared with City Council.

Additional discussion ensued regarding:

- Past grant recipients regularly attend City Council meetings and organizations share their story and update them as to how they used the grant funding.
- If the City is unable to reinstate the grant, possibly negotiate partnerships regarding rent, shared space, or resources.
- Bring cultural organizations together for collaborations

Jeremy Franklin was the liaison to this group and since his resignation, Lancer has agreed to fill that position.

Feedback regarding the grant report: Add how the organization utilized the grant to leverage other funds and how much that leverage was.

A discussion took place regarding expanding the Commission's mission to include a fundraising component and potential development of a 501c3 to show buy-in and commitment from the Commission and the community for the continuation of the grant program. The concept could also be used as a tool to fund larger concepts developed from the Cultural Plan.

Art Exhibits/Reception

City Hall/County tear down: Monday, June 27: Lorie, Laura, Lancer

City Hall Install: Tuesday, June 28: Lorie, Mary, Marjorie

Two River Tear down/Install: Wednesday, June 29: Lorie, Laura (1hr), Lancer (45 min.), Mary, Jennifer?

City Hall Art Reception: Friday, July 8 5:00pm: Jennifer, Lancer, Darcy

OLD BUSINESS

Events Calendar

The Commission has gathered 850 surveys so far. The calendar was passed around to sign up for events.

Cultural Plan

- Cultural Facilities/Urban Design will have their final meeting June 29
- Betsy stated that the Economic Impact group didn't respond to the final request so she feels they are finished.
- Arts Education has not turned in any final information.

Grant Funding Brainstorm

Covered in new business.

REPORTS

Take Part in Art

Lorie Gregor reported that 19 organizations participated, with 5 groups performing. Extremely positive feedback from the community. She has sent out a participant survey and will share the results next month. June 17, 2017 was decided upon for next year.

Western Colorado Watercolor Society

Lancer gave his final report. The exhibit was very successful, providing exposure to high quality watercolor artwork nationwide. Juror, Tom Francesconi provided exceptional educational workshops.

The next regular meeting of GJCAC will be at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the Parks and Recreation office. As there was no further business, Darcy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Gregor