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Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 Parks and Recreation, Lincoln Park

Commissioners Present: Betsey Dick, Sarah Dishong, Andy Hamilton, Roseann Lyle, Ellen Moore, Sandie Nadelson, Honora Thompson

Absent: Betsy Brodak, Darcy Johnson, Merritt Kinsey

By phone: Gary Ambrosier

Others Present: Ed Arnos, Adam Cochran & Lorie Gregor

Andy Hamilton, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Sarah Dishong motioned to accept the minutes of the May 24 meeting. Roseann Lyle seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Final Grant Presentation Messiah: Ed Arnos gave his final report. New this year PBS created free 30 second spots for the event. The informance was increased to 1 hour and they partnered with New Dimensions Program. Charge \$5 for dress rehearsal. Overall there was an increase in attendance.

Final Grant Presentation Super Rad Art Jam: Adam Cochran gave his final report. 168 exhibits, 130 artists, 5 schools participated over 1 week. Changes for next year: Kids involved in set up of exhibit, hold only 1 awards show, more promotion of program.

Letter of Support: Darcy Johnson sent a letter of support on behalf of the Commission to the Downtown Development Authority for the CO Blueprint Initiative application. Notification of acceptance should be in several months.

Committee Meeting Reminders: Committees were notified of their needs to meet and their timelines.

Art Installations:

Tiara Rado – July 10 at 9:00am: Lorie and Ellen

Two Rivers Convention Center – July 17 at 8:00am: Sarah, Roseann, Sandie & Lorie

Arts & Economic Prosperity 5: Results of the economic impact study are complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Art Commission Presentation: The condensed version has been accepted and the list of Arts and Cultural Organization divvied up amongst the Commissioners. Commissioners will contact organizations to get on their meeting agendas and confirm their information on the website.

Cultural Plan: Economic Impact & History, Science & Culture have been reviewed and unanimously agreed upon as is with the one correction. Strategy 2 – Action 2 should read Action 1.

REPORTS

Take Part in Art: Good participation by groups. Need to increase public participation. Those who were there enjoyed it per the surveys. Many groups don't meet in summer so consider changing the date to fall or early spring?

Grand Valley Creative District Alliance: no update

Zikr: Ellen Moore and Roseann Lyle gave their evaluations on Zikr. See attached.

Writers Forum: Andy Hamilton gave his evaluation on the Writers Forum performance. See attached.

aRT Expansion: Lorie Gregor report on the expansion of the aRT program to include aRT – Fruita and Car Park Art. An aRT programs page has been created on the website under events and happenings.

Las Colonias: Lorie shared photos of the music benches that will be installed at Las Colonias as the 1% for the Arts.

The next regular meeting of the GJCAC will be 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at the Parks and Recreation Office. As there was no further business, Andy declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Gregor

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture – founded 1992

All eleven members are appointed by the Grand Junction City Council. At least five members must have acknowledged accomplishment as either an amateur or professional in architecture, art criticism, art education, art history, choreography, dance communicative arts, crafts, folk and ethnic arts, literature, media arts, music, opera, painting, photography, sculpture, theater or urban design.

The mission of the Commission on Arts and Culture is to enhance local arts and cultural opportunities and development, encourage cooperation and collaboration among arts organizations, provide information to area artists and arts agencies and establish community arts priorities.

The Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Parks Administration building, 1340 Gunnison Avenue.

Commission Members include:

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| Darcy Johnson, Chair | Betsey Dick |
| Andy Hamilton, vice-chair | Gary Ambrosier |
| Merritt Kinsey | Sarah Meredith-Dishong |
| Elizabeth Brodak | Honora Thompson |
| Sandie Nadelson | Ellen Moore |
| Roseann Lyle | |

2017 Accomplishments (details can be found at www.gjarts.org)

- ❖ Conducted an Economic Impact Study with Americans for the Arts
- ❖ Updated the Strategic Cultural Plan
- ❖ Manage a \$43,000 grant program for arts and cultural non-profits – available based upon the annual City budget
- ❖ 3rd annual Take Part in Art- a community outreach event to highlight local art focused organizations and provide information to the public about the organizations.
- ❖ Write On! Annual student creative writing contest for grades 3rd-12th. Winners recognized publicly at a reception and are provided the opportunity to record their piece and have it aired on KAFM public radio.
- ❖ Champion of the Arts - Annual award to recognize one business and one individual for exceptional support and contribution to the arts in our community. Winners receive artwork purchased from local artist

Art in Public Places

- ❖ **1% for the Arts** – 1% of construction budget for capital improvement projects over \$100,000 is designated for purchase or commissioning of public artwork to be incorporated into the project. Committee facilitates review and selection process. The 1% program includes approximately 100 pieces and is maintained and curated by the commission as the municipal public art collection.
- ❖ **aRT** (Art on the Riverfront Trail) – An annual mural art project concentrated along the riverfront trail. Mural art is utilized to help manage vandalism and vagrancy at highway underpasses.
- ❖ **Art Exhibits** - Rotating public exhibits at City Hall, The Avalon Theater, Two River Convention Center, and Tiara Rado Golf Course. Artists reviewed and selected by commission.

Website – Includes information about commission resources, programs, and arts organization/artist registry. Maintained by the commission.

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