

**MINUTES**  
**Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC)**  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2017 Parks and Recreation, Lincoln Park**

**Commissioners Present:** Betsey Dick, Sarah Dishong, Roseann Lyle, Sandie Nadelson, Darcy Johnson, Merritt Kinsey, Ellen Moore, Andy Hamilton, Gary Ambrosier

**Absent:** Honora Thompson, Betsy Brodak,

**Others Present:** Lorie Gregor

Darcy Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Roseann Lyle motioned to accept the minutes of the August 23 meeting. Gary Ambrosier seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Art Center:** Lee Borden, Executive Director and Rachel Eggelston, art camp teacher, presented on Art Camp. It has been running for 40 years. They provided 11 scholarships to kids for the program. Report attached.

**Governors' Conference on Tourism** – Barb Bowman - unable to attend

**Centennial Band/Champion of the Arts** – Held a discussion with Jamie Lewis, Centennial Band regarding presenting Champion of the Arts. The awards will be presented on December 3, 2017 at 3:00pm at the Avalon Theatre during the intermission. An easel will be placed by the stage for the artwork. The chair will address the crowd and introduce the recipients and present the artwork. A row will be reserved for those involved. Lorie will contact Kevin at the Beacon for promotion and Jamie will forward marketing contact info to Lorie.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Commission Presentations Check in:** Approximately half of the Commission has contacted organizations, have resented or have set appointments.

**Grand Junction Strategic Cultural Plan meeting:** The meeting is scheduled for 2/15/18, 3:30 -5:30pm at the Hospitality Suite.

No additions to the accomplishment list.

Agenda Draft:

(Celebration of the past year and what's simmering in the pot for the future)

Identify goal – update attendees as to where we are as a community

Present accomplishments – ask for additional accomplishments

Assess status using the overview

Establish a priority list

Commission will email additional names to Lorie for the invite list, expanded from the original attendee list

Lorie will send a save the date notice.

**REPORTS**

**Committee Reports: Write On!:** Betsey Dick received permission to distribute to all Dist. 51 libraries and public libraries. Honora Thompson designed a bookmark. We will print 3000 copies and get to Betsey for distribution. Lorie will email flyer to Commission and the Writers Forum. Lorie handed out flyers to Commission for posting.

**Art Exhibit:** Art Changeouts occur 10/2 at 8:00am for City Hall & County – Lorie & Gary, 2:30pm for Avalon – Lorie, Tina, Roseann, and 10/3 9:00am for City Hall - Lorie, Sarah, Tina

**Grand Valley Creative District Alliance:** 100 respondents completed the arts survey. A public meeting with Blue Print will be held on Oct. 13 from 9-12, location TBD.

**AOTC** – The Commission is invited to the artists reception on October 7 from 6-8pm at the Avalon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Darcy Johnson is resigning from the Art Commission. Her husband has been relocated to the front range and they will be moving.

The next regular meeting of the GJCAC will be 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25 at the Parks and Recreation Office. As there was no further business, Darcy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorie Gregor

**Western Colorado Center for the Arts**

Summer Art Camp dates: May 30 through July 28, 2017

A total of 285 students attended Art Camp in 2017, an increase of eleven students over last year.

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture grant money was used to off-set the payroll cost of instructors. Ten instructors were employed during the camp. These teachers included working artists, District 51 art educators, and CMU art department students.

Summer Art Camp is an educational experience that provides an opportunity for learning different types of art processes as well as the opportunity for learning self-expression and creativity in an open and non-judgmental environment. This program gives the community's children the opportunity to explore art in all its forms and then encouraged those students to explore their own creativity.

The week-long, day-long sessions immerse students in, among many other things, the study of art masters, cultural art heritages from around the world, the world of clay, the art of music, creating a play and storytelling. Each weekly session ends with punch and cookie reception the last hour when families and friends are invited into The Art Center to see the work that the campers have accomplished during the week. Summer Art Camp tries very hard to reflect the rich diversity of arts and cultures in its programming. Every week strives to open young eyes to new ways of looking at and understanding the community in which they live.



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**Week 1: Around the World in Four Days** May 30 – June 2 (four days; \$80 member/\$100 non-member)  
This is your ticket to a whirlwind art adventure! Each day comprises the discovery of a new continent or country: Africa, Mexico, Japan, and Haiti. You will create a works of art inspired by these places.

**Week 2: I heART the outdoors** June 5-9 (Camp will be at The Botanical Gardens Wednesday, June 7)  
Explore the natural world to find eco-friendly inspiration. Students will learn to use clay, watercolor, pastels, and pencil. We will create a growing grass sculpture, sun catchers, rock art, and Andy Goldsworthy-inspired installations. We will study conservation groups including the Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, and Oceana to do related projects.

**Week 3: 3-D Adventure** June 12-16  
Students will create stunning sculptures and learn drawing techniques to make two-dimensional artwork appear three-dimensional. Students will experiment with a variety of materials—clay, papier-mâché, found objects, fabric—to create both regular and bas-relief sculptures. Students will work with pencil, charcoal, markers, and colored pencils. To round off the week (no pun intended), we will construct size bubbles.

**Week 4: Digging into Art** June 19-23  
Science meets art. Kids will learn the science of color, build a super structure, play with rainbow paper, and create fossil impressions in clay, whirly gigs, a volcano that erupts, and much more...

**Week 5: Theater & Humor** June 26-30  
Discover the world of theater. Students will learn tricks of the trade, create wearable sculpture, and perform a short skit. We'll work on funny stuff, from cartoons to caricatures and everything in between. Learn how art can make people laugh.

**Week 6: "Messy Time"** July 3-7 (skipping July 4; \$80 member/\$100 non-member)  
This will be a fun-filled four days. Projects include chest bump printing, painting with your feet, art with bubbles, homemade driveway paint, tie-dye, a paint bomb, firework art, and art inspired by Jackson Pollock and Morris Louis.

**Week 7: Let's Create** July 10-14  
We will explore an array of mediums to achieve unique compositions, both large and small. Projects involve working with clay, drawing, sculpting, printmaking, batik, and collage. Students will be encouraged to ambitiously use their imagination and try new things using various techniques.

**Week 8: Super "I"** July 17-21  
Grab your cape and escape to Planet Imagination. Engage your inner superhero. Discover the amazing talents and powers of artists such as Van Gogh, Picasso, Hopper, and Matisse. Then, create your own superpower. Students will learn to use pencil, colored pencil, marker, acrylic, and tempera.

**Week 9: Legos and Artful Animals** July 24-28  
Discover old and new ways of creating three-dimensional artwork. Celebrate the history of animals in art, from ancient times to present day. Stuff, build, draw, and paint creatures that roam the earth and the outer limits of your imagination.