

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture  
Minutes  
April 22, 2009

Commissioners Present:      Gisela Flanigan      Don Meyers  
   Jeanine Howe      Vera Mulder  
   Jeanne Killgore      Lora Quesenberry  
   Lancer Livermont      Katherine Rhein  
   Pam McLaughlin

Commissioners Absent: Melonie Buchanan, Tanya Smith

Others Present: Todd Hollenbeck

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Kat Rhein called the meeting to order at 4pm. A motion was made by Lancer Livermont, seconded by Jeanine Howe, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on March 25, 2009, with the correction of a typographical error (replacing "he" with "the" in the next to the last paragraph about the recent statewide study "The Arts & The Economy"). The motion carried unanimously.

**GRAND VALLEY TRANSIT BUS TRANSFER STATION 1% ARTWORK:** The Commission and Grand Valley Transit Director Todd Hollenbeck reviewed and discussed 36 proposals from artists throughout Colorado for possible works of art to be purchased or commissioned for the new transfer station. The group also took a look at the site plans for the facility and discussed possible locations for the new artwork. An initial straw poll elicited votes for the following artists: Barbara Baer, Bill Burgess, Kendra Fleishman, Tom Latka, Emanuel Martinez, William Mueller, and Lyle Nichols. Additional discussion and a second vote eliminated Burgess.

The final consensus of the Commission and Hollenbeck was to invite several finalists to present proposals for artwork to the Commission and Grand Valley Transit in a month and then make the artist selection and commission him/her to create a work of art. The Coordinator noted that finalists are customarily paid an honorarium for their time to create a detailed proposal and perhaps a model, and for their travel expenses, and Hollenbeck said that GVT would cover those costs. A third vote established Barbara Baer, William Mueller, and Lyle Nichols as the finalists, with Tom Latka as an alternate choice.

A meeting was scheduled for 11am on Wednesday, May 27 at the GVT Bus Transfer Station at 6<sup>th</sup> and South for the finalists' presentations, and GVT will provide lunch. [Subsequent to this meeting, Mesa County Project Manager Dave Detwiller and Hollenbeck asked that Terry Burnett be added as a finalist, and artist Lyle Nichols decided he was unable to commit the time to a new art project and asked to be taken off the list.]

**ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE ARTS EDUCATION GRANTS:** The Commission reviewed applications for artist-in-residence projects from Orchard Avenue Elementary, Pomona Elementary, Tope Elementary, and Wingate Elementary schools. The requests from Orchard Avenue, Pomona, and part of the request from Wingate was to help fund the existing and on-going artist-in-residence programs at those schools which the Commission supported for almost a decade but which the school district now funds as part of the district budget as of last year. The Commission did not want to interfere with a program already being funded by the district

and the consensus was not to approve these requests. The application from Tope was for the purchase of musical equipment, which was not the stated purpose of this financial assistance project, and the consensus of the Commission was not to approve this request. Wingate Elementary also requested money to bring author Tim Smith to make a presentation to students in the fall of 2009, and this type of artist-in-residence project was in keeping with what the Commission wanted to support at local schools. The Coordinator explained that she had contacted Tim Smith through his website and learned that his fee was \$300 per presentation and that he usually did two presentations per school. A motion was made by Lora Quesenberry, seconded by Gisela Flanigan, to support Wingate Elementary School's application to bring author Tim Smith to Wingate, but not to fund Wingate's existing and on-going artist-in-residence program, and to encourage Wingate to facilitate Smith's speaking at other District 51 schools, and to get clarification on the budget for the project. The motion carried unanimously.

**LINCOLN PARK MOYER POOL KIDS TILE PAINTING PROJECT:** The Commission's annual kids tile painting at the swimming pool was scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

**ART ON THE CORNER SCULPTURE CHANGE:** The Commission's annual volunteer project to clean sculptures and paint pedestals for the Sculpture Change will be Sunday, April 26.

**REPORTS:** The Coordinator Report for April was distributed and reviewed. Kat Rhein reported that she attended the Commission supported Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus Concert and that there was good attendance and numerous youth involved in the show. Gisela Flanigan reported that she attended the Commission supported Messiah Concert and that it was very good and well attended. Pam McLaughlin and Vera Mulder both attended the Western Colorado Watercolor Society National Juried Watercolor Show at the Art Center and said it was excellent but McLaughlin noted that the display space, a hallway and the back room, were not very good exhibit areas. Don Meyers, Mulder, McLaughlin, and Quesenberry all saw the Super Rad Art Jam and noted that the show was good and the space at Mesa Mall was better than last year's.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEES:** Chair Kat Rhein made the following committee appointments:  
Art in Public Places Committee: Melonie Buchanan, Jeanne Killgore, Lancer Livermont, Don Meyers, and Kat Rhein (Commission Chair is on all committees)

Arts Education Committee: Gisela Flanigan, Jeanine Howe, Pam McLaughlin, Lora Quesenberry, Vera Mulder, Tanya Smith, and Kat Rhein

Champion of the Arts Awards Committee: Melonie Buchanan, Gisela Flanigan, Jeanine Howe, Tanya Smith, Kat Rhein

City Hall Art Exhibit Committee: Jeanne Killgore, Pam McLaughlin, Don Meyers, Vera Mulder, Lora Quesenberry, Kat Rhein

As there was no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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