

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
December 14, 2011
Parks and Recreation Administration Office in Lincoln Park

Commissioners Present: Melonie Buchanan-Murray Dian Kress Hower
 Randall Cupp Lancer Livermont
 Charity Finnigsmier Kat Rhein
 Gisela Flanigan Jephtha Sheene
 Jeanine Howe

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Lorie Gregor, Paul Darr

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Gisela Flanigan called the meeting to order at 4pm. There were no minutes to approve.

PICK UP AMERICA:

Lorie Gregor gave an update on a project call Pick Up America. Pick Up America is the nation's first coast to coast contiguous roadside litter pick-up. The youth initiative encourages environmental stewardship and zero waste through art, education, and community outreach. They want to come to Grand Junction in the spring and build a Peace on Earthbench utilizing trash that they pick up on the Riverfront with the help of school children. A location will be determined by the Parks and Recreation department for storage of trash and building the bench. The Commission will post it on our Facebook page and website.

2012 CITY HALL EXHIBITS:

Lorie Gregor handed out the 2012 schedule for City Hall exhibits. (See attached)
Jephtha Sheene will help install on January 6 at 1:00pm. January 10th at 9:00am the Leisure Service Representatives will help install the rest of the exhibit. A reception will be held January 13 at 5:30pm. Charity Finnigsmier and Diane Kress Hower will help set up at 5:00pm.

2012 GRANT PROGRAM

The Commission decided to lift requirements #1 and #2 on the Goals and Objective sheet. The new wording will read: 1. The applicant must be located in Colorado. Priority may be given to Mesa County organizations utilizing Mesa County artists. City Council will vote on the 2012 budget on December 21. If approved the 2012 grant program will be \$43,300.

CHAMPION OF THE ARTS AWARDS:

The Champion of the Arts sub-committee met on Nov. 30th at 4:00pm at Parks and Rec office to review nominations for the Champion of the Arts. Their recommendations were as follows:
Individual Award: Robbie and Chuck Breaux to receive "Monument" by Sylvia Emery Wilhelm

Business Award: Roper Music to receive “How Do You Get to Wonderland” by Cathey Pabst. The motion to accept the recommendations was made by Jeanine Howe and seconded by Jephtha Sheene. Motion carried unanimously. They will be presented at the City Council meeting on January 16 at 7:00pm.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commission funded events reports:

Gisela Flanigan attended the Mesa County Land Trust photo exhibit at Planet Wines. She reported that the picture was beautiful and the opening was well attended. Gisela will contact Grand Valley Art Students League.

Charity Finnigsmier attended the Western Colorado Choral performance. Great performance however, they referred to the Commission as the Grand Junction Arts Council in the program.

Lancer Livermont attended an educational seminar from Artspace. Light attendance but they acknowledged our funding support. Lancer has not been successful in reaching Talking Rhythms.

Randall Cupp attended Riverside “Look What I Did.” The event was well attended and they did an exceptional job acknowledging our support and thanking us.

Other:

Lancer Livermont reported that the Legends committee appears to be in agreement to go forward with the original selection of the Prinster brothers statue by Dave Haire.

Felicia Sabartinelli-Abeyta has officially resigned from the board. Currently there are 2 positions available. The City Clerk’s office has decided to combine those positions with the positions that will be available on the Commission in February.

The Education subcommittee will meet on January 11 at 4:00pm at the Parks and Recreation office.

Next meeting will be on January 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Gregor
Recreation Coordinator