

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture  
Minutes  
January 25, 2012  
Parks and Recreation Administration Office in Lincoln Park

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

Commissioners Absent:      Gisela Flanigan, Jephtha Sheene

Others Present:                      Lorie Gregor,

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Vice-Chair Lancer Livermont called the meeting to order at 4pm. A motion was made by Jeanine Howe, seconded by Kat Rhein, to approve the minutes, with two wording changes per Lancer Livermont, of the Commission's meeting on December 14, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

**MESA COUNTY LAND TRUST PRESENTATION:**

Malcolm Childers, photographer and Mary Hughes, Development Officer shared the photo project of conserved lands that the Commission helped fund as part of the 2011 grant program.

**PUBLIC ART:**

Lorie Gregor reported that Steve Smith from the Information Technologies department will be adding all of the public art to the city's Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This is a mapping system that will show locations and pictures of the artwork. The Commission would like Steve to give a demonstration once it's up and running.

**GRANT PROGRAM:**

The deadline is February 10, 2012 at 5:00pm. The Commission discussed the structure for presentations. They determined they would prefer more time between presenters and have two breaks instead of one. Grant presentations will be February, 21. There was discussion regarding the grantees presenting their final report at Commission meetings. Lorie Gregor will compile a check list for all grantees for 2012.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commission funded events reports:

Jeanine Howe reported on the production of High Desert Opera's Camelot. She attended the January 7 performance. There were approximately 870 in attendance. New Years Eve was sold

out. Approximately 65 artists were involved. Jeanine turned in a report with supporting materials.

#### **CITY HALL ART EXHIBIT:**

Lorie Gregor thanked Jephtha Sheene for helping to hang the City Hall exhibit and Charity Finnigsmier and Diane Kress Hower, for helping with the reception. The next exhibit will be hung April 3.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Charity Finnigsmier reported on the meeting of the Education Committee. The proposal in celebration of National Arts in Education week: September 10 - 16, 2012 and National Arts and Humanities Month (October) is a writing contest for K-12, "What Art Means To Me." The Writers Forum has offered to judge entries. Winners will read their submissions at the October City Hall exhibit.

#### **CHAMPION OF THE ARTS AWARDS:**

There was a discussion regarding the venue for presentation. Most commissioners felt the City Council meeting was appropriate. There is a need to create more of an "event" out of the presentation. Next year invitations will be sent for a reception from 5:45 – 6:45pm: invite the media, nominators, winners, Art Commission, and City Council.

#### **OTHER:**

Diane Kress Hower has volunteered to take over consistent postings for the website.

Lancer Livermont reported on the NEA grant webinar. Michael Schwerin with the GJ Symphony is exploring the Avalon renovation project as an option for this year. A possible idea for 2013 is a collaborative series of free performing arts event for the community. The idea will be presented at the Major Arts and Cultural Organizations meeting on February 14.

Kat Rhein and Gisela Flanigan attended the Colorado Creative Industries meeting in Montrose on January 14 in which Governor John Hickenlooper discussed his plan to designate several Creative Districts in Colorado.

Lorie Gregor presented an email inquiry regarding the Fallen from Colorado in Iraq and Afghanistan art exhibit. This exhibit is traveling Colorado. The fee is \$800 for 10 days. Lorie will contact some veteran's organizations to see if there is financial support available.

Lorie Gregor gave an update on Pick Up America. The timeline has been moved to August in Grand Junction. It was determined that Canyon View Park was an ideal location to gather, store and build a Peacebench. More information will be forthcoming.

The Commission unanimously agreed to continue to post agendas for 2012 meetings at the Clerk's Office in City Hall.

Next meeting will be on February 21, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. for Grant Reviews.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the Vice-Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Gregor  
Recreation Coordinator