

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
January 26, 2011

Commissioners Present: Melonie Buchanan-Murray Vera Mulder
 Randall Cupp Joy Potter
 Gisela Flanigan Kat Rhein
 Jeanine Howe Felicia Sabartinelli
 Lancer Livermont Gary Smith
 Lorie Gregor

Commissioners Absent:

Others Present: Traci Wieland, Layne Whyman

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. A motion was made by Lancer, seconded by Jeanine, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on December 1, 2010 with the changes noted below. The motion carried unanimously.

Changes to minutes from December 1st:

- Deb Kovalik was not in attendance
- Paragraph starting with "Questions from Gisela to the city" had a sentence that was originally incomplete
- 2nd page first paragraph: change the word "professional" to "formal" and develop to "modify"
- 3rd line same paragraph: again change "professional" to "formal"

2011 GRANT CYCLE FUNDING:

The amount of funds available for the Board to distribute this year has not been determined. The Grant Committee, along with suggestions via email from Board member, determined general guidelines to be considered by the Commission. It was noted that the application has been changed for this year and complete information will be provided to potential applicants. Of the responses received one consistent request was that the money stay within the Grand Valley. Requests last year were for approximately \$64,000 by 21 groups.

Lorie and Traci will review the applications submitted according to the initial qualifying criteria and will provide the board with a list of those that were not qualified and why. They will then provide us with the applications of those organizations that do qualify to proceed to the next level of consideration.

Timeline for Granting Process:

- February 1st – Grant materials available online
- March 11th – April 15th – Grants will be accepted
- April 26th – Presentation by grant applicants to the Commission

- April 27th – GJCAC Board will decide on the grant funding during regular monthly meeting

Initial Criteria agreed on by the Commission:

- Is the application complete?
- Is it a local project using local artists only?

Requirements for the Grants:

- Motion made by Jeanine and seconded by Melonie that the grant funding be capped at \$3000 for the 2011 funding cycle. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Special consideration will be given those who meet additional criteria (innovation, collaboration, etc.) as determined by the Board.

Lorie will rewrite the requirements that will be provided to the applicants and send them to the board for review and suggestions. A deadline will be included as the information must be available to the public beginning February 1st.

SOCIAL NETWORKING:

The committee met and developed guidelines for Facebook as well as the responsibility and administration of our page. A list was presented to the Commission for review and approval. Further details will be revised as needed as we proceed through the year and the grant process.

Suggestion that our page have a link to the Sourcebook and Felicia requested that we allow anyone that is listed in the Sourcebook be allowed to be listed as a “Favorite from our page.

The main purpose of Favorites is for networking so it can be used for the public to be able to find sources they are looking for. If we don’t allow organizations outside the Granting process to be Favorites then we are missing a very large networking opportunity. It does not mean that we endorse their organization but merely are providing a list of organizations. Traci does not think that there are any issues with us have a list of Favorites as a source of information. If possible, the Commission would like to include a disclaimer that we do not necessarily “endorse” the organizations listed but it is just a list providing information. Felicia will research the possibility of then having a way that we can distribute emails to our Favorites to keep them updated and request they make the GJCAC a Favorite of theirs.

Felicia requests that Lorie include a note about the Facebook page in the grant materials that are made available. We can also include a statement on our page regarding request for donations.

The Board needs to consider how we will administrate new organizations joining the Sourcebook to make sure they are also updated in our Favorites.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- “State of the Arts” presentation by Gisela is available at www.gjcity.org then link to the City Council and Streaming Video. Lorie will also put a link to this on our Facebook page.
- Greg Palmer requested that Gisela tell the Commission members a personal “thank you” for all of the work that we have done.
- Gisela attended the Symphony request to the City regarding the funding for The Avalon. The executive director did a great job of presenting their request to City Council.

- Lorie was invited to an Event Planner meeting at the VCB by Layne – this event presented information about the GJCAC and the availability of the Commission as a source for them.
- Circle of Light Photo Project from Denver: this project includes 25 pieces of art on aluminum plates that include photographs from people who were born blind and have had surgery through donations – this exhibit included photographs from them along with their stories. The organization is looking for a venue in Grand Junction to host this exhibit. The location needs to be very public and the exhibit is available March through June. Lorie will talk to possible venue hosts and update the Commission at the next meeting.
- Patrick Metoyer provided each Commission member with a card that listed all of the artists that were included in the Exhibit of the Century.
- Joy read a thank you note from Ilene Roggensack and Third Sector Innovations.
- Aspen Dance Connection concert was attended by Melonie, Lancer, and Jeanine and they reported on the concert – a logo was included but they put the wrong logo in the program by mistake. Fran will be writing a retraction and correcting the mistake as much as she possibly can.
- “The Sound of Music” by the High Desert Opera was attended by Gisela, Melonie, and Jeanine

Lorie requested that the Board look at a DVD of photos to decide if she can show at the City Hall Exhibit. The Commission decided that we would accept the artist proposal to be included on the waiting list.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Potter
GJCAC Secretary