

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
February, 23, 2011

Commissioners Present: Vera Mulder Charity Finnigsmier
Randall Cupp Lorie Gregor
Gisela Flanigan Lancer Livermont
Felicia Sabartinelli

Commissioners Absent: Melonie Buchanan-Murray, Joy Potter, Kat Rhein, Jephtha Sheene,
Diane Kress Hower, Jeanine Howe

Others Present: Traci Wieland, Layne Whyman, Rob Schoeber, Laurie Kadrich

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 Randall, seconded by Felicia, to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting on January 26, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

Introductions of the board were made. Charity Finnigsmier is one of the three new appointees. Jephtha Sheene and Diane Kress Hower were absent. Lancer Livermont and Randall Cupp were reappointed. A new Commission contact list was handed out.

1% ART PROJECTS

Laurie Kadrich, City Manager, presented 2 projects for 1% for the arts.

Suplizio Field/Stocker Stadium Renovation: First Priority

Construction timeline: June 2011 – May 2012

Construction Cost: \$7.3 million

Available funding for Art: \$73,000. (est)

Desired project would include three full length displays to be mounted on concrete sections.

1. East section (baseball): 21' x 62'
2. West section (football & track): 21' x 62'
3. South section: 12' x 74'

Laurie encouraged the Art Commission to utilize the \$10,500. in reserve to add to available funding for this project or distribute it between both projects. The Art Commission agreed. There is a wide variety of users for this facility: sports, public gatherings, community events, users include the school district, Mesa State, Mesa County, City of Grand Junction & Juco, Rob shared that there are a lot of committees all working on this project and we need to include the users in the idea phase. Initial ideas include a tile mural or banners.

Public Safety Project:

Construction begins: April 2011

Construction Cost: \$22.5 million (est)

Available funding for Art: \$225,000.

Project will combine Police and Fire, possible memorial site, incorporate Fire memorial plaque, possible Legends project (1st Fire Chief), possible Art on the Corner partnership, possible historical presentation.

Laurie encouraged the Art Commission to install the project in one area of the site rather than break it apart for each building. The Art Commission agreed.

The challenge will be to meet the needs of the users: Police & Fire. The Art Commission needs to bring the users together to discuss ideas, including the architect. Laurie has asked the Art Commission to give her 2 months to complete the design phase and then bring in her team for ideas.

Commission members are encouraged to begin bringing ideas to every meeting.

TIARA RADO GOLF COURSE AND TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER

The Art Commission will now be in charge of art exhibits at both venues. It was suggested to have 6 month rotations. Two Rivers would like to focus on a local theme, highlighting our scenery. Tiara Rado would like to have a golfing/sports theme that reflects the valley. The City Hall Art Exhibit Committee will meet at Tiara Rado on March 2 at 4:00 p.m. to gather measurements and write up the Call For Artists. The Art Commission will maintain separate lists for each venue.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:Coordinator's Monthly Report:

Lorie shared an invite to the opening reception on March 4 at the Art Center 7-9:00 p.m. from the Western Colorado Watercolor Society. They acknowledged our support from the grant and expressed their appreciation. Our logo is in their brochure & poster, and will be in the Art Center newsletter.

2011 Grant:

Lorie reported that the 2011 Grant information is on our website and has been sent to past awardees. There was discussion in regards to the length of time organizations who do not fill out the final report have to sit out. Felicia suggested a 2 year term. Randall suggested we table the discussion until the next meeting. Gisela would like the Commission to review the criteria for evaluating the grant presentations.

Reports on Commission funded events attended:

None held

Other Business:

Several members attended the economic development session with the Incubator. Art kept surfacing as a subject of economic impact. People were divided up and given topics to discuss,

pick top 3. Quality of Life: emphasis was on oil and gas industry, jobs, education, we don't have a correct inventory of why people would come here for, missing the point that diversity is what makes the valley a great place. They will take all the information and identify the priorities.

Next meeting will be on March 23 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Gregor
Recreation Coordinator