

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
August 24, 2011

Commissioners Present: Melonie Buchanan-Murray Charity Finnigsmier
 Randall Cupp Lorie Gregor
 Gisela Flanigan Lancer Livermont
 Jeanine Howe Felicia Sabartinelli Abeyta
 Diane Kress Hower Jeptha Sheene

Commissioners Absent: Joy Potter, Kat Rhein,

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 from the previous meeting as it was a public safety art discussion held by Laurie Kadrich.

CHAMPION OF THE ARTS

Randall presented the updated forms for the Champion of the Arts Call for Entries and the Nomination Forms that the subcommittee had created. Additional changes were made and Lorie will update and send out.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS DISCUSSION

The Chair and Vice-Chair positions are up for reelection as they have served their 1 year term. After a discussion as to the pros and cons, Melonie motioned that persons serving as the Chair and Vice-Chair should remain until February, 2012, as four positions of the current Commission will turn over at that time. The motion was seconded by Randall.

NATIONAL ARTS EDUCATION WEEK

September 11-17, 2011 is National Arts Education Week. Gisela suggested that we gather information from local non-profits as to how they are celebrating this week and create a public service announcement for the media sharing a composite of local events/celebrations/programs. Lorie will email groups and write the psa.

The Arts Education Committee will meet in January to plan for this week in 2012.

Gisela asked the Commission to participate more in commenting on our Facebook page to keep information fresh and interesting.

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

The month of October is National Arts and Humanities month. The Art Commission would like to have the Sentinel write an article on the Art Commission as part of NAHM. It was decided to

compliment the current City Hall Art Reception on October 7, 2011, with Art After Hours. Felicia will donate her spot as featured gallery for First Friday to Art After Hours so we can have print coverage. The following is the to do list for Art After Hours:

Melonie: contact dance dept/ tap dance is confirmed

Felicia: contact Sandy Dorr for poetry

Gisela: contact music dept.

Commissioners will have one week to confirm. As performers are confirmed a schedule will be made. The Art Commission will send out invites that include Art After Hours to the participants of the City Hall Art Exhibit for this event.

1% UPDATE:

Suplizio/Stocker Stadium: An artist was chosen and drawings submitted to the funding committee. Two options were picked to be part of a public survey. A total of 243 surveys were completed. 84% chose "Catcher" and 16% chose "Climber." This information was presented to the Parks Improvement Advisory Board who disapproved of these options. The Parks and Recreation Director asked the artist to modify his designs to reflect a more sports oriented design.

Public Safety: No information forthcoming

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commission funded events reports:

Lorie created an Event/Project/Program Evaluation form for Commissioners who adopt events to utilize for evaluation of Commission funded events. The form will be implemented immediately and kept on file for cross reference of the final report. Lorie will include the adopt an event calendar and form as attachments with these minutes.

Jeanine reported on the Hospice Teen Art Show. The show was moving but there was no information available as to the purpose of the show or that it was funded by the Art Commission. When the final report is submitted a written response from the Art Commission will be submitted to Hospice in regards to expectations when doing an art show, as this was their first one.

Temporary Art Exhibits:

Lorie shared that temporary exhibits are now showing at Tiara Rado, Two Rivers Convention Center and City Hall. Commissioners were encouraged to solicit participants as they are out in the community and meeting artists. The Commission maintains ongoing lists for all 3 venues.

NEA:

Diane shared her experience of a presentation by the NEA. It was impressed upon how art plays an important role in the community and provides a billion dollar industry to our economies. Currently there is an over abundance of arts organizations which doesn't necessarily correlate to

an increase in support. Focus is upon building audiences who will attend events and support art in the communities. The Our Town grant provides funding for Art's Districts. Their website is www.nea.gov.

Next meeting will be on September 14 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