Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture Minutes September 14, 2011

Commissioners Present: Melonie Buchanan-Murray Charity Finnigsmier

Randall Cupp Lorie Gregor
Gisela Flanigan Lancer Livermont

Jeanine Howe Kat Rhein
Diane Kress Hower Jeptha Sheene

Commissioners Absent: Felicia Sabartinelli Abeyta

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 September 14, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

MAJOR ARTS COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

Lorie updated the Commission on what this group is doing. They are pursuing an economic impact study utilizing a graduate student at Colorado Mesa University overseen by Dr. Jerry Moorman. More details as it progresses.

BOARD RESIGNATION

It was noted that Joy Potter has stepped down from the Art Commission citing scheduling conflicts. The opening has been posted through the City Clerk's office.

MEETING DATE CHANGES FOR 2011

The Champion of the Arts sub-committee will meet on Nov. 30th at 4:00pm at Parks and Rec office to review nomination for the Champion of the Arts.

The November 23 meeting is cancelled. The Art Commission will meet December 14th for a regular meeting at 4:00pm at Parks and Rec office.

CHAMPION OF THE ARTS

Lorie has sent out the Call for Entries and Call for Nominations to all user groups. Gisela shared that Karen Hildebrandt had contacted us and encouraged us to present the winners at the Symphony Gala. Lorie shared that she had the same conversation with Michael Schwerin. Based upon the 2011 budget this is not an option. The Commission decided to stay with the City Council presentation in January.

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

The celebration will be held on Oct. 7 as part of the Art Reception. The schedule has been confirmed: String Quartet performance 5:30, Musical Theatre 6:00pm and Tap 6:30pm. Sent to the Free Press as the Best Kept Secret and featured gallery in First Friday.

Gisela asked the Commission to participate more in commenting on our Facebook page to keep information fresh and interesting. She reminded members who have adopted an event to promote the event pre-post, get pictures and fill out the evaluation.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commission funded events reports:

None held

Other:

Jeanine shared information regarding the Theatre Communication Guild. There isn't anything set up on the West Slope but it has boosted attendance in Denver. The program offers free tickets for theatre performances. It was suggested to be an agenda item for next year's Arts Education Committee.

Next meeting will be on October 26, 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