

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
April 28, 2010

Commissioners Present: Melonie Buchanan Vera Mulder
 Randall Cupp Joy Potter
 Gisella Flanigan Katherine Rhein
 Jeanine Howe Felicia Sabartinelli
 Lancer Livermont Gary Smith
 Tanya Smith

Others Present: Rob Schoeber (Parks & Recreation Director), Laurie Kadrach (City Manager), Teresa Coons (City Council)

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair Kat Rhein called the meeting to order at 4pm. A motion was made by Jeanine Howe, seconded by Melonie Buchanan, and passed, to approve the minutes of the March 24 Commission meeting pending a correction to include a motion by Jeanine Howe to purchase “Now I Take Your Hand In” for the City Cemetery 1% project and seconded by Jeanie Kilgore.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chair Kat Rhein suggested that Lancer Livermont be Vice Chair. Jeanine Howe made a motion to that effect, seconded by Vera Mulder. The motion carried unanimously. After much discussion the election of Chair is tabled until the next commission meeting.

SOURCE BOOK: The commission will update the Sourcebook this summer. There is a desire to make the look more appealing. The website will be put on every page. Laurie Kadrach offered the services of the city and VCB for design support. The coordinator will set up a meeting. The redesign discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

1% FOR THE ARTS: City Manager, Laurie Kadrach, Parks and Recreation Director, Rob Schoeber & City Council member, Teresa Coons were in attendance to address the commission’s concerns about the changes in direction of the 1% for the Arts program. Laurie Kadrach presented the city’s governing structure. The Commissions job is to act as an advisory to City Council. The City Manager has the final say on how money is spent on capital projects. The resolution allows for the pooling of funds to allow us to put art where it has the biggest impact on the community. Due to the economy and the resulting budgetary impact currently there are no capital improvement projects for 2010 that justify a 1% purchase. This includes the Recycling Center, due to the fact that it was 100% grant funded and the 1% for the Arts was not written into the budget, City Cemetery, because it doesn’t impact a large part of the community, and Hawthorne Park. There was discussion regarding the Legends Project and the Commission’s feeling they were double dipping as they have multiple funding sources in the city. The Legends Project is viewed by the City Manager as a project that has huge impact on the community and should be funded. In December, the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director will meet with the commission and review 2011 capital projects.

REPORTS: Chair Kat Rhein reported on her attendance at the Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus, there were at least 50 people in the show. She also handed out promotions for the Open Studios tour, May 1-2. Commission members Vera Mulder reported that the Spring Art Camp was a success and offered diverse programming for the week, and Jeanine Howe reported on Peter and the Wolf. Vera asked for a volunteer to help her grout the tiles at Lincoln Park Pool, Melonie Buchanan accepted. The Coordinator distributed a report for gjarts.org reflecting usage between March 26 - April 25, 2010. Since the Arts Forum in March, 15 new artists have registered. All websites have been added and the blog updated. A suggestion was brought up to divide the calendar of events into category listings for streamline searching. The coordinator will talk to Monument Graphics as well as the VCB. Gary Smith & Felicia Sabartinelli have volunteered to help create a social networking site that would compliment the current website.

The Coordinator reported on the following Commission/City public art projects:

1. Chipeta Elementary School's 1% for Art Project – As of meeting date the unveiling details were not available. Coordinator will email commission when she gets them.
2. Rocket Park Restrooms Tile Mural 1% for Art Project – Commission is invited to the opening of Rocket Park, May 11 at 6:00p.m.
4. City Cemetery 1% for Art Project – no art will be purchased for this site.
5. Canyon View Park – local artist Nick Russotto is working with the Parks Dept. to paint the bottom of the sculpture “Grand Current” (purchased through the 1% program and installed last February) to stop the rust which is leaching off the piece; Nick is also still planning to cast his marble sculpture “Paternity” in bronze in the fall and donate it with a pedestal to the City for placement near the playground in Canyon View Park.

COMMITTEES: Commission members are expected to serve on two committees. A description of each committee's responsibilities was given and a signup sheet handed out to be returned at the next meeting.

ARTS EDUCATION: Commission member Jeanine Howe would like the Education Committee to meet to discuss redesign of the Education Grant to increase applicants. At this time, with the approval of \$1000 for Orchard Avenue Elementary's Creede Repertory Theater visit, that line item has been fully expended.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBIT: Lancer Livermont and Vera Mulder assisted with the installation of the City Hall exhibit on April 1, and Mulder and Tanya Smith assisted with the First Friday reception April 2. 40-50 people attended. As there was no further business before the board, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Gregor, Recreation Coordinator