

Commission on Arts and Culture Report to City Council 1993

Consistent with the enacted mission of the Grand Junction Commission on the Arts and Cultural Affairs to present an annual report on the State of the Arts in the Grand Valley, and with the precept that the Grand Junction City Council has historically and of necessity been the source of vision and direction for both the community and Colorado's Western Slope, we encourage the Council to begin the process of creating a cultural focus for the city of Grand Junction by seizing a leadership role in the following economic development effort:

I Moving the Western Colorado Center for the Arts into the downtown commercial area

II Development of "The Avalon" as a performance facility anchoring the east end of the Downtown Development process

III Retaining the Museum of Western Colorado as a part of the core-city economy

IV Encouraging the inevitable synergy resulting from propinquity in the coordination of cultural development efforts

The direct costs of such an effort are minimal and well divided among the various potential funding sources. The projected costs are \$3,603,000.00, of which the city is asked to directly fund \$300,000.00 or 8% and invest an additional \$385,000.00 to be repaid at the end of the five year leases to the Art Center.

General budget figures are presented on page two with schedules annotated.

We urge a careful and responsible consideration of the delineated investment in our future.

Respectfully submitted:

The Grand Junction Commission on the Arts
and Cultural Affairs

FIRST PHASE

INVESTMENT/EXPENSE	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
AVALON THEATER		
Building Purchase	City of Grand Junction 1	200,000.00
Renovation; Phase I	City of Grand Junction	100,000.00
	State of Colorado (Energy Impact Fund)	146,000.00
	National Endowment for the Arts (CAP Grant)	100,000.00
MESA THEATER		
Building Purchase	City of Grand Junction 2	200,000.00
Initial Renovation	Western Colorado Center Arts	30,000.00
Complete Renovation	Operations	200,000.00
MERCANTILE BUILDING		
Building Purchase	Downtown Development Auth.2	185,000.00
Parking Requirement	Downtown Development Auth.	83,000.00
Building Renovation	Western Colorado Center Arts	342,000.00

Totals	
Phase I	1,403,000.00
Complete Avalon Renovation	2,200,000.00
TOTAL:	\$3,603,000.00

Notes: 1 It is proposed that the city lease the building to the Avalon Committee during the renovation process and until such time as a purchase agreement could be funded.

2 The building(s) would be leased to the Art Center for five years at which time the Art Center would exercise its option to purchase the buildings from the city.