

MINUTES

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – Lincoln Park Hospitality Suite

Commissioners Present: Robbie Breaux (Chair), Julie Matthews (Vice Chair), Hank Braxtan (4:48pm), Dora Fang, Kristin Mercer, Porcia Silverberg, Amy Wall, Cynthia Zaitz

Commissioners Absent: Pamela Blythe, Libbie Early, Nora Hughes, Laurel Lutz

Others Present: Haley Van Camp, Jonathan Wheatley, Trisha, Brad, and Ron from Hilltop

Chair Robbie Breaux called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. followed by brief introductions of all in attendance. Cynthia moved to approve both the minutes from the September 24 and October 8 special meeting. Julie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Haley provided a few dates for the Commission to select from to tour the Community Rec Center (CRC) to view additional areas for artwork. There was a consensus to move forward with Thursday, December 11, 4-5pm.

Haley presented the proposed GJCAC meeting dates for 2026, and noted the special meetings the end of February for presentations. It was noted all regular meetings would start at 4:30 p.m. and the special meetings in February would start at 3:45 p.m. Discussion was had regarding the special meeting start time, and of the possibility of moving it to 4pm. There was a consensus to move forward with the proposed meeting dates for 2026, with the special meetings beginning at 4pm. There will be a TEAMS recording during the special meetings to record presentations as well.

Discussion was had regarding the History, Science, & Culture, and Urban Planning sections of the Strategic Cultural Plan and its achieved goals and accomplishments. It was noted that the next plan should have more measurable goals and action items, and responsible and accountable parties. The Commission will continue reviewing the plan on their own time and focus on things the City/GJCAC can control.

CITY STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Haley gave an update about the Fountain artwork in front of City Hall. As it no longer worked and could not easily be turned into a planter garden similar to other sculptures Downtown GJ, it was currently being removed and will be replaced by a planter garden similar to others in Downtown GJ. Potential locations for the fountain will be brought to the Commission at a future meeting for a recommendation to be made at that time.

Haley gave an update on the Monument Trail Shelter that was installed late September, and that the roof had been blown off during the strong winds early October. Haley will provide an additional update on the project at a future meeting after meeting with the artist, engineering, and other departments on how to best mitigate the situation.

Discussion was had regarding the GJCAC Grant Program and a new name, as City leadership suggested it not use the term grant. Cynthia moved to change the name to the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Award, and it was seconded by Porcia. There was one vote approving the motion, 6

opposed, and 1 abstaining. Further discussion was had regarding the name, and a new motion was made by Amy to change the name to the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture (GJCAC) Funding Program. Kristen seconded the motion, and it came to a vote of 6 approving, 1 opposing, and 1 abstaining. Further discussion was had, and as it was confirmed the name change could be revisited next year, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Hank briefly talked about the Junktown Film Festival event that was supported by the GJCAC funding program and mentioned it was well attended and the event itself was very successful.

As a quorum was lost at 5:52 p.m. the meeting adjourned and no further discussion was had.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Van Camp