

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL, on January 9, 1997,
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Thomas A. "Tom" Beck, Vice-Chairman (R)
Sen. John "J.D." Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: none

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Nan LeFebvre, Legislative Fiscal Division
Debbie Rostocki, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: **HOUSE BILL 9** - Cultural and
Aesthetic (C & A) Grant
requests, 1/7/97
Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 9

Ms. Arni Fishbaugh, Director of the Montana Arts Council,
explained that the amount of recommended funding in the request
from the Council for the Arts, Inc., Lincoln, contained an error:
it should be listed as \$2,500 instead of \$2,600.

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 717 **UPPER BLACKFOOT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Mr. Ben Maher, Vice President of the Society, spoke; questions
were asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1.7-8.5}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 729
COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS, INC., LINCOLN

The Rev. Jack Preston, Vice President of the Council, gave a short presentation; questions were asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.6-14.3}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 715
FORT CONNAH RESTORATION SOCIETY

Mr. George Knapp, Chairman of the Society, gave a short presentation. EXHIBIT 1 Questions were asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.4-24.3}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 745 - MISSOULA SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

Ms. Caralee Blair, Executive Director of the Association, gave a presentation; questions were asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 24.4-Tape 1:b:3.2}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 725 - VIAS, INC.

Mr. Joseph Mussulman gave a short presentation; see written testimony EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.3-13.7}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 724 - MISSOULA WRITING COLLABORATIVE

Ms. Janet Zupan, a writer currently under contract with the Collaborative, gave a short presentation; questions were asked.

Ms. Fishbaugh stated that SEN. KEN MESAROS, SD 25, wanted to go on record as being in support of the project.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 13.8-21.0}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 721 - THE MONTANA TRANSPORT CO.

Ms. Amy Ragsdale, Artistic Director of the Montana Transport Co., spoke in support of the request, with a video presentation; Ms. Karen Kaufmann spoke about the school program. Questions were asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 21.1-end of side b}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 739 - WOLF POINT PRODUCTIONS

Mr. Michael F. Wustner, President of Wolf Point Productions, gave a short presentation. He introduced SEN. LINDA NELSON, HD 49 and REP. CHARLES DEVANEY, HD 97, two proponents of the grant request. Questions were asked.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 0.0-9.9}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 790 - HELLGATE WRITERS, INC.

Ms. Janet Zupan spoke again, this time on behalf of Hellgate Writers, Inc. as their Program Director. Questions were asked.
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10.0-16.5}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 735 - BROADCAST MEDIA CENTER

Mr. William Marcus, Director of the Broadcast Media Center at the University of Montana, testified in support of the request. EXHIBITS 3, 3A Questions were asked.
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.6-22.8}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 727 - LIVINGSTON DEPOT FOUNDATION

Ms. Kendra Anderson, a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, gave a short presentation. EXHIBIT 4 Questions were asked.
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 22.9-end of side a}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 791 - YELLOWSTONE BALLET COMPANY

Ms. Anderson also spoke on behalf of the Yellowstone Ballet Co.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 0.0-5.8}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 718 - SOUTHWEST MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

Ms. Victoria Fridley, Executive Director of the Council, spoke in support of the grant request.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 5.9-12.4}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 793 - WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER

Ms. Lynda Bourque Moss, Director of the Center, gave a short presentation. EXHIBIT 5 A video presentation was given about the Yellowstone Heritage Partnership.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 12.5-20.0}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 769 - YELLOWSTONE ART CENTER

Ms. Donna Forbes, Director of the Center, gave a short presentation; questions were asked. EXHIBITS 6 and 7.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 20.1-26.8}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 768 - ALBERTA BAIR THEATRE

Ms. Ann Miller, Interim Executive Director of the Theatre, spoke. EXHIBIT 8 She pointed out errors on the application: under total project expenses, the city/county support should be listed as \$158,000 annually and \$90,000 - \$100,000 should be included under in-kind contributions. Questions were asked.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 26.9-Tape 3:a:5.2}

HEARING ON C & A REQUESTS NO. 767 and 759
BILLINGS PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

Ms. Ruth Towe, Executive Director of the Moss Mansion, spoke in support of the requests. EXHIBIT 9 Questions were asked and comments were made.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.3-18.5}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 783 - MSU - BILLINGS

Mr. Keith Edgerton, Assistant Professor of History at MSU-Billings, rose in support of the grant request. Questions were asked.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18.6-23.9}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 784
MSU-BILLINGS INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CLUB

Mr. Tyrone Morgan, President of the Club, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 24.0-29.1}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 734 - THE WRITER'S VOICE - WMCA

Mr. Corby Skinner spoke up on behalf of the project. EXHIBIT 10
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.2-Tape 3:b:3.2}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 764 - BILLINGS SYMPHONY SOCIETY

Ms. Rina H. Reynolds, Director of Development for the Society, gave a short presentation; questions were asked. EXHIBIT 11
{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.3-9.7}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 723 - GROWTH THRU ART, INC.

Mr. Allan R. Lenhardt, Executive Director of Growth Thru Art, Inc., rose in support of the request. EXHIBIT 12 Questions were asked.
{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.8-12.9}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 775 - SUNCREEK FILMS

Mr. Jon Vannoy, President of SunCreek Films, gave a short presentation; questions were asked.

{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 13.0-19.7}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 716
GRANITE COUNTY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

Ms. Esther McDonald rose in support of the request; questions were asked.

{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 19.8-25.3}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 788
VIRGINIA CITY PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

Mr. Jeff Smith, Historical Preservation Officer for the Alliance, gave a short presentation. EXHIBIT 13

{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 25.4-Tape 4:a:2.3}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 743
LIBERTY VILLAGE ARTS CENTER & GALLERY

Ms. Trudy Skari, representing the Arts Center and Gallery, spoke in support of the proposal to bring Phillip Aaberg home to Montana. Questions were asked.

{Tape: 4; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.4-8.0}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 746 - SANDERS COMMUNITY HALL, INC.

Ms. Judy Cole, Co-Director of the Community Hall, gave a short presentation. EXHIBIT 14

SEN. MACK COLE, SD 4, rose in support of the project.

{Tape: 4; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.4-14.8}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 801
CARBON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Jon Axline, a historian for the Dept. of Transportation, gave a short presentation in support of the Society, as a private citizen. Questions were asked.

{Tape: 4; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.9-20.3}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 736 - WHITEFISH THEATRE COMPANY

Mr. Richard Hildner, President of the Whitefish Theatre Company and Carolyn Pitman, Project Director, gave short presentations. Questions were asked. EXHIBIT 15

{Tape: 4; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.4-27.1}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 737 - HOCKADAY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Mr. Mark Holston, Board of Trustee member, appeared on behalf of Ms. Joan Baucus in support of the request. EXHIBIT 16

REP. TIM DOWELL, HD 78, rose in support of the Hockaday Center. {Tape: 4; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 27.2-Tape 4:b:3.7}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 742
DEACONESS - BILLINGS CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Mr. Richard Becker, developer of the project, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

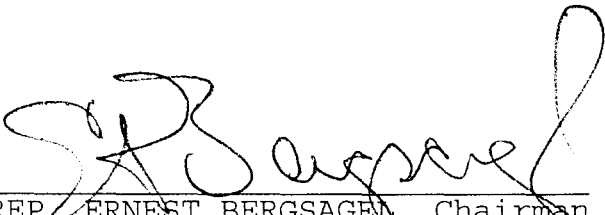
{Tape: 4; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.8-16.1}

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL announced that in addition to executive action on HB 9, discussion would be taking place the following day regarding what level the ending C & A fund balance should be set at and whether or not to fund more of the Montana Arts Council administrative budget from the Coal Tax Trust Fund interest earnings.

{Tape: 4; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 16.2-24.4}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 noon.



REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEN, Chairman



DEBBIE ROSTOCKI, Secretary

EB/DR

This meeting was recorded on four 60-minute audiocassette tapes.