

**MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY
BOARD
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
- MAY 13, 2025**

5/13/2025 - Arts & Historical Preservation Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call meeting to order and establish a quorum

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.a Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

Motion by BM Everling

Second by BM Surinder

Motion carried to approve the Minutes from April 8, 2025.

3. Roll Call

**Present: Chair Branum, BM Kathleen Everling, BM Surinder Aulakh, BM JoHN Winder, BM Jennifer De Ranieri; and Ex-Officio Council Member Alex Porretto:Absent; Absent: Vice Chair Corlie Jackson
Staff: Assistant City Secretary Nellie De La Fuente, Sr. Administrative Asst. Martha Alvarez, Asst. City Attorney Mehran Jadidi, and Cultural Arts Coordinator Antoinette Lynch**

4. Public Comment

N/A

5. Inform applicants of process

Chair Branum explained the importance of the Mandatory Meeting/process of the presentations.

6. Applicant Presentations

The Grand 1894, Bryan Educational Institute, Cavalla Historical Foundation, Center for 20th Century Studies, Center for Transportation & Commerce, East End Historical District Assoc., Galveston Art League, Galveston Artist Residency, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston Ballet, Galveston Children's Museum, Galveston County History Inc., Galveston Historical Foundation, Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council Inc., Galveston LULAC Council 151, Galveston Symphony Orchestra, Galveston's Own Farmers Market, International Oleander Society, Island ETC, Moody Gardens Inc., Nia Cultural Center, The Artist Boat Inc., The Friends of Moody Gardens, Turtle Island Restoration Network

Not Present: Galveston Island Film Society, League-Kempner House, Old Central Cultural Cneter Inc., Reedy Chapel AME Church

7. Board discussion of applications and address any questions or concerns

BM Everling stated that the mission for Friends of Moody Gardens is simply to get kids to Moody Gardens. She stated that they do not fall under the purview of this board. She went on to say that Galveston Farmers Market also does not align with our board (the arts). BM Everling stated she is bringing these points up because she will not be in attendance at the June meeting. She mentioned that the Oleander Society spoke on Educational Signs and those are not promotional materials. The Galveston Art League was another organization that did not include any copies of their promotional materials and only provided canceled checks and receipts. BM Everling also mentioned to the board that she did not understand how Nature Island Tourism aligns with the arts since their main ordeal is photography. One last point that BM Everling made was that Moody Gardens was using their promotional materials to promote their events within the hotel in other words, they would advertise on their elevators to promote what is happening in the hotel itself. These were several organizations she mentioned to the board that she had some concerns at this time.

8. Report from Accounting (Tammy Jacobs) on current reserve balance and confirm budgeted HOT with projected income through FY2025

Chair Branum passed out a handout from Tammy Jacobs on the 6/8 HOT Penny Allocation for the Arts as of March 31, 2025 collections for year ending September 30, 2025. Chair Branum stated that what she needed was the year-end of September 30th of 2024 and the proposed balance for 2025 and 2026.

9. Discuss estimated HOT funding available per Budget and prohections with reserve included

BM Everling proposes maintaining the reserve funds and decide what to do with them at a later date.

10. Discuss and Vote on eliminating AHP reserve and include in this year's net amount funding

Chair Branum said to keep this item open, no vote at this time. Both the reserve and surplus go hand in hand.

BM Everling said to keep the reserve in case there is a short fall or in case something happens. Chair Branum stated that the only problem there is, is that there is no definition of allocating the reserve. Chair Branum also mentioned to the board that they are not required to allocate 100%.

11. Future Agenda Items

BM Everling recommends rolling the surplus into the allocations for this coming year

12. Confirm future meeting dates:

12.a

- June 10, 2025
- August 19, 2025

June 10th and August 19th as well as July 15th were all confirmed.

Chair Branum stated that at the August meeting the Manual will be distributed.

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monash 'Pella' Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Monash" and the last name "Roberts" being more legible than the middle name "Pella" which is enclosed in quotes.

Assistant City Secretary