

MINUTES OF THE GALVESTON CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025, 2:00 PM
Conference Room at McGuire-Dent Recreation Center

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

- a. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chair Kathleen DiNatale. Also present: Trey Click, Pat Jakobi, Nick Barbee, Alice Watford, Wade Roberts, Sherrill Hilton, and Tony Lyle. For the City: Megan Pierce, Barbara Sanderson, and Legal. Guests: Arts and Culture Coordinator Antoinette Perry-Lynch, Sue Johnson, executive director of the NIA Cultural Center. Absent: Ken Shelton, council member David Finklea.
- b. Review of Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of April 13 were reviewed. Trey moved and Wade seconded that minutes be approved. Approval was unanimous.
- c. Word on the Street: Events scheduled for the remainder of May and for June were reported.
- d. Public Comments: Sue Johnson, executive director of the NIA Cultural Center, presented historical background of NIA's application for public art funding for the Menard Bandshell.

III. REPORTS

- a. Arts and Culture Coordinator Report: Antoninette reported that she had unintentionally left one applicant off the emails she sent to all remaining applicants asking for a rendering of their concept for the Menard Bandshell. She has contacted that person, who will be able to send a rendering within two weeks maximum. She said that the Commission needs to decide whether to push him through to the next round or wait two weeks to see his image.
- b. City Legal Mehran Jadidi reported on accessing funds for development and upkeep of Public Art project markers and plaques. There is no process currently in city ordinances and he suggested that the Commission consider adding language in the upcoming CAC funding code change that would allow those expenditures from the funding reserve. In order to have any changes take place for the 2026-27 funding year, they need to be approved by City Council by September.

IV. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

- a. Second round of reviews of applications received for 2025-2026 Call to Artists for Lasker Pool, Menard Park Bandshell, and Public Works Building.
 - i. Lasker Pool location has three remaining applicants. After a lengthy discussion, Sherrill moved and Trey seconded that the Commission recommend approval for Kristen Church's application for turtle mural and aquatic mosaic for \$10,000. The vote was two (2) yes and five (5) no.

Nick then moved and Tony seconded that the Commission recommend approval of Gabriel Prusmack's application for Swimming Day mural in collaboration with Ball High School for \$10,000. The vote was six (6) yes and one (1) no.
 - ii. Public Works Building has two remaining applicants. After a lengthy discussion, Sherrill moved and Trey seconded that the Commission recommend approval for Catherine Stroud's mural for the outside of the Public Works Building for \$30,000. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- iii. Menard Park Bandshell has nine remaining applicants. All but one have submitted renderings for the project and the one outstanding was inadvertently not informed of the request for renderings but will submit one within two weeks. Applications for all nine were included in the discussion but no decision would be made at this meeting in order to wait until the final rendering was submitted.

There was a discussion as to whether to have a workshop to finalize decisions regarding the Bandshell or to hold that discussion as part of a formal meeting. It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, May 29, in lieu of the June 10 meeting, and that the Menard Bandshell applications would be discussed and voted on at that meeting.

V. ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM. Next meeting, May 29.

Minutes approved May 29th, 2025 *Kathleen DiNatale* CAC chair