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**MINUTES OF THE ARTS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
MEETING AGENDA - JANUARY 13, 2026**

1/13/2026 - Arts Development Commission Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Ex-Officio Council Member Porretto at 2:01 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Nellie Cornett (left the meeting at 3:03 pm), Brita Blesi, Tony Lyle, John Mullins, Trey Click, Sherrill Hilton, Sandra Tetley, Jonathan Crummett, Lacey White, and Alex Porretto (City Council)

3. Introduction of Board Members and Staff

Each board member and staff member gave a self- introduction.

4. Staff Presentation for the Arts Development Commission Ordinance, Process, and Ordinance Mandated Procedures including Conflicts, Alternates Roles and Terms

Board liaison Antoinette Lynch briefly went through the presentation and provided a packet for each member to go through at their own time; they can reach out to her directly if additional questions arise. She emphasized the importance of not including all members in an email to staff, as this can create a walking quorum.

5. Discuss and Consider the Election of a Chair and Vice Chair

Board member Sherrill Hilton made a motion to nominate Trey Click as Chair, with board member Sandra Tetley seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

Board Member Tony Lyle made a motion to nominate Sherrill Hilton as Vice-Chair, with Chair Trey Click seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

6. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Committee. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.

Representative of Z Krewe commented that they do a street painting every year and must seek approval from the board. Thanked the board for their time and looking for their approval.

7. Discuss and Consider Future Meeting Dates with Recommendations from Staff

Board member John Mullins made a motion to approve the board to meet every second Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm, with board member Sandra Tetley seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

8. Discuss and Consider the Art in Public Places Applications: Z Krewe for Recommendation to Council

Board member Sherrill Hilton made a motion to approve the art in public places application from Z- Krewe, with board member Brita Blesi seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9. Presentation of Timeline of Former Cultural Arts Commission and Arts & Historical Preservation Advisory Board Contracts, Calls, and Awards in Place and Set for 2026-2027

Board Liaison Antoinette Lynch mentioned previously that the Arts and Historic Preservation Advisory Board operated on a two-year allocation, while the Cultural Arts Commission funded one year in advance, and proposed to compress those timelines into a single process by using SMU DataArts, eliminating separate applications and starting with public art since it already follows a one-year cycle.

10. Presentation and Discussion of Arts Penny Surplus Fund – A. Lynch

Antoinette supplied the board members with a draft of the preliminary data Summary Schedule Revenue & Expenditures FY 25–September Report, put together by the finance department. At every meeting, the board members will be able to look at a report of the current numbers. Antoinette also reported that the Arts and Historic Preservation Advisory Board has an unanticipated surplus resulting from two-year funding allocations based on underestimated penny tax revenues and increased short-term rental registrations. Because allocations were made as fixed dollar amounts, revenue growth produced a surplus rather than increased awards.

The ending fund balance is approximately \$3.1 million. City Council directed staff to bring the matter to the Arts Development Commission for discussion. Antoinette noted the surplus should be treated as a one-time funding opportunity and presented a preliminary list of identified needs.

11. Presentation by Visit Galveston and/or a Community Partners regarding the FIFA Soccer Ball Project and Consideration of a Recommendation to City Council for Approval of the Proposed Project

Board Member Tony Lyle provided an update on the FIFA “Art of Soccer” project, explaining that as part of the Houston World Cup Host Committee agreement, Galveston will receive five blank, 36-inch soccer balls to be transformed through an arts program. Staff described plans to issue an RFP to select a nonprofit, arts-related organization to manage the project, including a call for artists, artist selection, project coordination, and final installation. The intent is to involve Galveston artists, establish themes, and determine installation locations, with City input.

12. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Trey Click at 3:23 pm

Martha Alvarez

City Secretary's Sr. Admin. Assistant

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