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**MINUTES OF THE ARTS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP AGENDA - MARCH 6, 2026**

3/6/2026 - Arts Development Commission Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chair Trey Click at 3:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Nellie Cornett, Brita Blesi, Tony Lyle, Russ Mullins, Trey Click, Sherrill Hilton, Sandra Tetley, Jonathan Crummett, Lacey White, Alex Porretto (City Council)

3. Public Art Trolley Tour

Tour: 1st stop sculpture "Resolve" by Doug McLean, 2nd stop to "The Topiary Garden" created by Ann Wood at Kempner Park. 3rd and final stop, the McGuire - Dent bandshell at Menard Park.

4. Public Comment

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

None

5. Conflict of Interest

None

6. Discussion and Presentation of Past Public Art Projects, Amount Funded per Project, and State of Projects Today

Commissioners reviewed past and current public art projects and funding allocations, including FY25 and FY26 initiatives. Total potential funding for FY26 is \$350,000, including carryover. Allocation strategies across art disciplines, community impact, and tourism considerations were discussed, with emphasis on open calls and prioritization of media and performing arts. Special project opportunities, including artist exchanges and memorials, were noted as council discretionary. Commissioners will submit individual project ideas via email before the next meeting with Antoinette.

7. Discussion of Examples of Past Calls, Current Parameters and Guidelines, and Potential Calls Including Amounts, Locations, Frequency of Calls, and Scope

Commissioners discussed examples of past calls and potential future calls, including funding amounts, locations, scope, and frequency. Options such as annual, multiple, or quarterly micro-grant calls were considered. The importance of consistent funding cycles and possible clarification from the Council regarding eligible project locations was noted.

8. Discussion of Panelists for Jurying Calls Including How Many Per Call, Frequency,

and Rubric

Commissioners discussed panelists for jurying public art calls, including the number of jurors, frequency, and evaluation rubric. Staff noted that the ordinance requires a panel of no fewer than five and no more than seven panelists, and that Commission members may not serve as jurors. The composition of panels and the rubric used for evaluation may vary depending on the type and scope of each call.

9. Future Agenda Items

Commissioners discussed potential future agenda items, including the possible reuse of existing wayfinding kiosks as public art installations. Additional discussion included the Juneteenth grant program and potential opportunities for future art-related initiatives. Antoinette asked commissioners to email her possible future agenda items for the April meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Trey Click at 5:00 pm.

Martha Alvarez

Executive Assistant to City Secretary

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