NOTICE OF MEETING
ARTS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 - 1:30 PM
CITY HALL - ROOM 204
823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TX 77550
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1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum
2. Roll Call
3. Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes
   - 3.A Draft Minutes - August 14, 2026
4. Public Comment
   Members of the public may address the Committee. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.
5. Conflict of Interest
6. Bernardo de Galvez Projects Update
   - 6.A Discuss September 13th Event
7. Discuss and consider Panelists Scores and City Staff/Management feedback for formal recommendations to council for FY26 calls to artists and organizations
8. Discuss timeline of Oct.1, 2026 - September 30th, 2027
9. Discuss the Start Times and Mechanisms for:
   - 9.A Pilot Program
   - 9.B Artist Exchange Program
   - 9.C Working Data Group
   - 9.D Working Historic Preservation Group
10. Future Agenda Items
11. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on 08/28/2026 at 2:00 PM.

Martha Alvarez

Executive Assistant to City Secretary

Please Note: Members of the City Council may be attending and participating in the discussion. One or more members of the Arts Development Commission may attend the meeting by videoconference. A quorum of the members of the Commission will be physically present at the meeting location.

Draft-Pending Approval

MINUTES OF THE ARTS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

MEETING AGENDA - AUGUST 14, 2026

8/14/2026 - Arts Development Commission Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chair Trey Click at 1:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

   3.A Draft Minutes - July 9, 2026

Tony Lyle made a motion to approve the July 9, 2026, meeting minutes, with Russ Mullins seconding. Unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

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

N/A

5. Conflict of Interest

N/A

6. Discuss and Consider Panelist Applicants for each call

(Nellie Cornett announced a conflict of interest and recused herself from the discussion)
Staff provided an overview of the panelist application process, noting that the City received 32 submissions. Due to data-sharing considerations, detailed applications were not included in the agenda packets. Staff explained that per ordinance, panelists may not review more than 30 grant submissions.
Because all three grant calls close before panel selection, the exact number of applications per call is unknown. Staff recommended forming three separate panels—one for each grant call—to ensure compliance with workload limits.
Panel composition requirements were reviewed: each panel must include at least 5 and no more than 7 panelists. Panelists will score applications using commission-approved rubrics; staff will compile results for Commission review.
The Commission discussed desired qualifications, including arts expertise, professional or nonprofit experience, and the role of local versus non-local applicants. Members noted the limited detail available in applications and emphasized the need to balance expertise while avoiding potential bias or conflicts of interest. Applicants who may apply for current or future

grants will be asked to declare conflicts and will be excluded from relevant panels.
The Commission proceeded to review all 32 applicants and selected:
• Seven panelists for Call 1 (Micrograms Management Organization)
• Seven panelists for Call 2 ($75,000 SACI-modeled Arts Project)
• Seven panelists for Call 3 ($25,000 Emerging Artists Projects)
• Alternates for each call
Motion to approve panel assignment for all three calls, including alternates, by Tony Lyle, seconded by Trey Click. Unanously approved.

7. Arts Activation Pilot Program Update Discussion

Staff reported discussing the Art Activation Pilot Program with Catherine Gorman. The program aims to reduce barriers for artists activating public spaces, prompted by prior challenges artists faced with multi-step reviews through Landmark, Planning, and ABC. A working group may be formed to explore pre-approved or streamlined locations within the two Cultural Arts Districts, considering factors such as size and sound levels. Commissioners noted the importance of avoiding oversaturation of activations (e.g., multiple per block). No action taken.

8. Bernardo de Galvez projects Update and Discussion

Staff reported that John Espinosa, unable to attend due to illness, requested placement on the September agenda to present updated statue costs. Coordination continues with ACT on incorporating a brief "Yo Solo" performance into the Malaga mural event.
The Malaga mural project has expanded beyond its originally stated minimal support. New requests—including video and photography—have emerged, along with an unclear $2,700 funding need. Staff compiled a draft budget of City in-kind contributions and noted that any additional funding requires Council approval. Commissioners expressed concern about changing expectations; staff is seeking clarification, including information from Visit Atlanta regarding similar past projects.
Planning for both VIP and public mural events is ongoing. No action taken.

9. Update on Artist Exchange Program Discussion

Staff reported no new updates on the Artist Exchange Program. Recent efforts have been focused on the Malaga mural project, delaying progress on this initiative. No action taken.

10. SMU DataArts Update

Staff shared an implementation timeline from SMU DataArts, including partner meetings and a live demo planned for September, guideline publishing in October, and a December 1 deadline for onboarding participating organizations with prior-year data. Staff noted this work will require a small working group to assist with survey development and process alignment. Due to current workload on the Malaga mural project, staff reported limited progress on the Artist Exchange Program. No action taken.

11. Discuss current understanding of timeline for all ADC projects and funding

Staff reviewed the full grant cycle timeline. Grant calls close August 23. Panelists receive applications August 24. The ADC will review panel scores and issue funding recommendations on September 3. City Council will consider these recommendations on September 17, with applicant notifications issued September 21. The grant performance period runs October 1, *2024 through September 30, 2027. No action taken.*

12. Discuss and consider Application for Art in Public Places, Z Krewe

The Commission reviewed the annual Z Crew application for temporary Mardi Gras street artwork. Staff noted that while the artwork changes each year, the project scope remains consistent. Due to updated TxDOT enforcement prohibiting public art in the right-of-way, the installation will again be shifted onto the sidewalk, pending required TxDOT approval. Staff has prepared a revised timeline to submit the application to TxDOT immediately upon ADC recommendation.
Tony Lyle made a motion to approve the Z Crew application as presented, seconded by Trey Click. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Discuss the potential creation of two focus groups, data oversight and Historic Preservation funding

Staff requested the formation of two short-term focus groups to assist through December 1:
• Data Oversight Group (SMU DataArts onboarding): Members will help review proposed data fields, reporting components, and survey processes.
Volunteers: Sandra, Nellie, Brita.
• Historic Preservation Funding Group: Members will review existing preservation funding requirements, evaluate data needs, and assist with stakeholder discussions. Staff noted this group may encounter heightened public concern.
Volunteers: Sandra, Jonathan.
No formal action required.

14. Future Agenda Items

N/A

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Trey Click at 2:59 p.m.

Martha Alvarez

Executive Assistant to City Secretary
Date Approved: