

Galveston Commission On the Arts

Minutes from 8/13/19

Commenced 11:04

Reviewed and approved minutes from previous meeting

Call for public comment

Mayor Jim Yarbrough sat in for part of the meeting

Ben Vyers of Monster Splash Art attended to present his seawall mural proposal

Word On The Street

- Gala for Sea Turtles Sept. 29th
- 12 more turtles this year--need more artists
- 3rd annual banned book reading at the U.U temple
- Sand castle competition
- Artwalk
- Galveston Vision meeting at Edna's Room Aug. 20th

New Business

- Becky is working on the commission's social media
- Feature public servants--Peter Davis was mentioned
- Maybe 2-per month
- Feature Commission members
- Ed expressed a need for studio spaces for local artists
- Mayor suggested talking to Dwayne with GHF about the old Falstaff Bldg. as a possible art space

Ben Vyers presented his sketch of his ideas for a seawall mural

- World's longest mural--Guinness Book
- Main theme "Welcome To Galveston-It's Island Time"
- Needs letter of support from the city council for the corps of engineers
- Expects to pay \$50,000 for paint
- Not asking the commission for money
- 1st stage of project 1-year
- Full project 5-year
- Commission needs more details i.e. type of paint, sealant, etc.
- The design was too busy for some commissioners-did not represent Galveston history or other features of the island
- Mayor Jim is relying on this commission to determine if we need this mural. If so, then we need to help Mr. Vyers meet with the corps of engineers and the county. Make a decision quickly so as not to waste Mr. Vyers' time
- Maintenance is important
- Timeline, family friendly content
- Park Board may be the administrative arm

Adjourned 12:15