

## Galveston Commission On The Arts

Minutes from 10 09 19

Time: 11:00

Attending: Nick Barbee, Ed Gearke, Barbara Sanderson, Becky Major, Craig Brown, Surinder Aulakh, Greg Bruce, John Sullivan, Amy Owens, Bobby Wilson

Reviewed and accepted minutes from previous meeting

Invitation for public comment was made

### Word On The Street

- Artwalk coming up--Rosenberg Library will be open
- Ectodermal--Beyond The Skin exhibit at The Proletariat
- Raw Natural Born Artists show in Houston
- Prayers for Mr. Bobby Hilton who recently passed
- Surinder handed out a "Galveston School For The Arts" brochure with some discussion on whether or not this would compete with private sector
- John spoke about the "Idea Funding" regranting program

### New Business

- Studio Tours moving forward, look for an update in November
- Social media for this commission is dormant but ready
- Cultural Arts Council secured \$60,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts
- Gal. County Parks Board has committed \$100,000 to Cultural Arts Council and may be looking to create a "Cultural Arts Czar" similar to Galveston Historic Preservation Officer--a paid position
- Some skepticism was expressed over one person having that much authority over art
- Perhaps this commission could oversee the Czar
- Dr. Craig Brown suggested that all things to do with art in Galveston should be governed by this commission (GCA)
- Galveston Visitors Bureau could be involved
- Perhaps we could have a member on both this GCA and the Visitors Bureau--city official cannot sit on a voting commission
- Workshop on the definition of "Public Art" was suggested--perhaps researching how other city's allocate money to public art.

Three items to vote on:

Dawson Finkley presented the commission with some design ideas for an official city of Galveston flag

**Item #1** A vote was counted to send the issue of creating an official city flag to city council--All yes' with one no--it **passed**.

**Item #2** a vote was counted to recommend 1% of the city's budget be directed to the arts--a unanimous yes--it **passed**. Dr. Brown spoke with the mayor about this and the mayor is in favor of a workshop on it.

**Item #3** A vote was counted on updating this commission's guidelines to "not limit project funding to \$5000.00"--a unanimous yes--it **passed**

**Meeting over at 12:15**