

➤ **Meeting called to order** at 4:35pm by H. Thierry | Quorum Met

➤ **Attendance:**

Amber Anthony  
Makayla Anthony  
Brandon Williams  
Kathy Tiernan  
Karen Stanley  
DJ Termini  
Taylor Adams  
Kurt Gonzalez

Cara Pennel  
Hank Thierry  
June CollinsPulliam  
Selah Tacconi  
Joe Hoff  
Connie Ricketts  
Amy Bly

➤ **Community Members:**

- Lisa Shaw
- Reyna Collura

➤ **Excused Absences:**

- Kelli Moulton
- Amie Huffton
- Vivian Hernandez
- Holly Hopkins

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1. **Welcoming comments and Chair Report:** H. Thierry

- a. Welcome

2. **Request to Address Board**

- a. Guest Speakers: Lisa Shaw, Executive Director of Galveston Art Center and Reyna Collura  
Director of Education

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- They are located on the strand in a big beautiful bank building, and their summer programming is in full swing. They have programs every day sometimes twice. Many of the programs have are kid focused. See handout or look online to see the exhibition schedule. Artwalk is one of the events that is coordinated by them the Galveston Art Center.
- There is a program for schools held during the school year and anyone can book a tour. Students get to see the galleries, building and interact with artists and it is tied into a classroom experience. It is free of charge and in summer opens up to other groups like girl/boy scouts and seniors. Summer activities include: drawing, painting, sculpture etc. There are camps and drop in options. The GAC also has a homeschool specific option during the day as well as a fall art club after school that continuously builds on the week before.
- Another notable program it "Art for All" which strives to bring art out into the community and is specifically focused on the underserved populations. There are currently eight different sites including: UTMB pediatrics, ACE, Ronald McDonald House, The RCC, The Sunshine Center, ADA House, TLC and Tideway (Rehab center for TBI). This program began in early 90s. and is currently funded by Texas Commission of the Arts, other funders and donors.

- Upcoming Event: Aug 2 and 3 Galveston and Nigata Japan (sister city program) – will be building fish shaped paper lanterns.
- Memberships are available. There is a dual membership option as well where you have access to other museums.

3. **Vice Chair Report:** BJ Herz

- a. None

4. **Secretary Report:** A. Anthony

- a. Approval of 5/14/2019 Minutes:

- Upon review of the minutes, the following corrections were noted: change about Brandon Williams taking over
- Motion made S. Tacconi to approve the minutes with these corrections; motion seconded by C. Pennel; motion approved by ALL

5. **Nominating Committee Report:** S. Tacconi

- a. Update on Nominations

- We have two new members on the board, Brandon Williams and Jeff Johnson.

- b. Update on replacing students

- There are still a couple of student spots open including one for Ball High which B. Williams has someone in mind for and one for O' Connell which A. Anthony has someone in mind for. With those filled we will have 23 members on the board.

- c. New Officers for upcoming year

- The board discussed whether we could vote electronically for the officer positions for the upcoming year. This was only if we didn't have a meeting in July due to not meeting quorum. Also, we discussed voting in July instead of August, so the new officers could be given a heads up before the August meeting where it is announced. A. Anthony made a motion for the board to vote electronically during July; motion seconded by C. Pennel. The August meeting will be called to order, results of the vote will be announced and the new officers will take over at the September meeting.

6. **Department of Parks and Recreation Update** | B. Sanderson (Megan Pierce)

- None

7. **Family Friendly Assessment and Annual Report** – T. Adams

- Don't forget about the Google Drive that was created for all the Task Forces to go in and fill in the blanks on their part of the Annual meeting which we plan on presenting at the August City Council meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- \*A. Anthony will email the city secretary to ask to get on the agenda

8. **Task Force Reports:**

- a. **City Infrastructure** – K. Tiernan

- Light Your Bike campaign

1. So far, the campaign has been very successful. As of as 5/15, there have been 2,560 request for lights and the request has been successfully met. There is still a need for about \$10,000 for additional requests. The GPD has hosted 6 bike safety trainings so far as well as handed out lights.
2. We are still waiting for the signs to go up at the walking paths around the schools. They have money for six.

3. There hasn't been any movement on the Burnett renaissance zone. K. Tiernan is still in need of help and was hoping to have help from another PMCH student.
4. Better Parks for Galveston is about to begin doing an inventory of city parks (this idea came from the results of Vision Galveston), let K. Tiernan know if you want to help on this project.

b. **Education** – DJ Termini

- Date is October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm
- Galveston College has their own fall fest and therefore the new name for our event is “EdFest for All”. The plan will stay the same and the new logo is in the works so we can get the Save the Date flyers out. Some of the people that
- just changing name new logo being worked on save the date flyers being made and going out
- Some of the people already committed to participate are:
- Galveston Police Department, the fire department, various paramedics, GISD and the book bus, GISD's KTOR Radio (will be on the stage), Galveston College (including their culinary school), RCC, CASA, Education Task Force. B. Williams will be in charge of photography and H. Thierry will be in charge of sound at the event.

c. **Youth Leadership Development** – V. Hernandez

- None

d. **Health** - C. Pennel

- Materials and web links that were mentioned at last months meeting were sent out via email a couple days ago along with e-cigs and vaping use in middle and high school students. The task force is looking for ideas on how to reach parents. C. Pennel talked with Dr. Purser from the Family Service Center and also considered doing a poverty simulation as part of Causeway Galveston. There was discussion on tying in ACES training in conjunction with a poverty simulation.

9. **Old Business:**

- a. Answer for Mayor Yarbrough regarding reducing number of board members
  - The board continued the discussion regarding whether or not to reduce the size of the board. Once the student slots are occupied the board will have 23 active members.
  - The board decided that it will move from the current 26 member slots to a total of 22 after V. Hernandez terms off next summer. S. Tacconi made a motion to cut the board size down to 22 (from 26); phasing in as V. Hernandez terms off and remove the term alternates from the membership list with all members being regular members; motion was seconded by DJ Termini; motion approved by ALL

10. **New Business:**

- a. None

11. **Announcements / recognitions:**

- a. UTMB is running a pilot program with a paid internship for 16-18 year olds to have an opportunity to work with health care professionals. It is an awesome opportunity, and if more businesses had opportunities like this it would be really great for the kids in our community.

12. **Adjournment:** 5:42pm

PLEASE NOTE

Members of the City Council may be attending and participating in the discussion

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY' S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409-797-3510)