



Agenda Item: Presentation on Galveston State of the Arts Report

Background: The Lakota Group (<https://www.thelakotagroup.com/>) will be presenting a brief overview of the first deliverable for the Arts and Cultural Downtown Master Planning project supported by the National Endowment of the Arts and the Park Board of Trustees/ Visit Galveston.

The 'State of the Arts Report' presented here is the culmination of research on how Galveston stands locally and nationally with our arts and culture attractions. It was generated using both community engagement and national benchmarking and comparisons methodologies.

The 'State of the Arts Report' will be supplemented shortly by a Downtown Cultural Arts Masterplan. The Plan is scheduled to be finalized by the end of September. In the interim, the Galveston Arts Council (GAC) is working to identify "Arts Ambassadors" to help socialize the report findings and gain feedback on planning efforts.

The Steering Committee for this project consists of City Staff, Park Board, GAC, Downtown Partnership and Council representation.