



Baytown Sculpture Trail planned

Modeled after the Sculpture Walk that exists in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the outdoor exhibit will feature twenty or more sculptures of varying sizes that will be displayed year-round in the Downtown Arts District of Baytown, Texas. Sculptors will be invited to submit their sculptures and the art will be on display for a year. Each artist whose sculpture is selected will receive an honorarium for participating. The sculptures, which will be fabricated from various materials, including steel, bronze, marble, wood, aluminum, and stainless steel, will be no less than 36 inches and will sit on pedestals.

The winning artists will receive cash awards. Each sculpture will have a sponsor who will make a contribution and the sponsor will be named on a plaque on the pedestal.

The Sculpture Trail will be free and open to the public. It will attract art lovers, schools, day cares, families, residents of the city and visitors from near and far. The city already has a growing collection of fantastic murals, specifically in the Downtown Arts District. The sculptures will improve the aesthetics of the community and

raise the awareness of the quality of life in this region.

Historic Baytown's Arts Culture and Entertainment Council ("A.C.E. District") was formed in 2016 by a group of local business owners who decided it was time to do their part to help revitalize the historic downtown Baytown area. Prior to the launch of the A.C.E. District, the City of Baytown started investing a lot of money on infrastructure in the downtown area, including the purchase of many dilapidated buildings which were knocked down to build a beautiful Town Square and a parking lot. The city also updated the streetscapes, added trash cans, benches, lighting, and landscaping.

Incorporated in 2017, the A.C.E. District is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is to promote the revitalization of historic Baytown through projects in the arts, culture, and entertainment. Each year, the A.C.E. District hosts an increasing number of events, including the Christmas on Texas Avenue festival, car shows, and movie nights. A.C.E. District also donates art around the

downtown area, helps new business owners set up a home for their business, and works with the City of Baytown to upgrade the aesthetics of the area. This summer they hosted our first music festival, and continue to host other events to drive foot traffic to the area.

Within the past five years, the downtown area of Baytown has blossomed with many murals, and an award-winning art installation known as "Umbrella Alley". In 2019, the City renamed the area the "Downtown Arts District" to emphasize the direction that they would like the area to develop. The A.C.E. District is proud to have facilitated a part of that growth. The Sculpture Trail is their biggest endeavor since inception, and they are excited about adding this program to the successes that have come with the growth of the organization.

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If you are interested in participating in this program either by volunteering or donating, please contact: info@acedistrictbaytown.org.

In Year One, the ACE District is raising funds to support the program, selecting a committee to select art for the year and approving 20 entries. Schools will be invited to visit the Sculpture Trail in 2022.

In Year Two 20-25 artists will be chosen to participate.

In Year Three the ACE District hopes to hire a part-time director for the program and pick another 20-25 artists.

In Year Four a full-time director will be hired and another 25-30 artists chosen.

By Year Five, the program should be sustainable with 25-30 artists chosen each year.