

1 Introduced February 22, 2022, by Councilman  
2 Borchert

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4 **Item No. 22-02-3412**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 4070**

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7 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell,  
8 Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, by adding Section 2-7.2 Gallery at Slidell Cultural  
9 Center in City Hall named.

10 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council desires to amend the Code of  
11 Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, by adding  
12 Section 2-7.2; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:267 allows for the naming of a  
16 portion of a public building after a living person; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is proud of its long and honored history of  
19 community and service to others; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council desires to recognize a person who has  
22 committed his life and resources towards the improvement and enhancement of cultural  
23 arts in our community; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. George Dunbar was instrumental in establishing the Mayor's  
27 Slidell Commission on the Arts (which developed into the Department of Cultural & Public  
28 Affairs) as well as designing the original Slidell Cultural Center on Erlanger Street; and  
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31 WHEREAS, as part of the "Greatest Generation", Mr. Dunbar is a World War  
32 II Veteran, serving in the Navy; and  
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35 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunbar has developed over 60 different unique, legacy living  
36 communities and neighborhoods from Mississippi to Louisiana, including River Oaks,  
37 Chamale, and Coin du Lestin subdivisions.; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunbar named most of his acclaimed art series after  
5 locations in Slidell and St. Tammany Parish; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunbar and Mr. J. V. Burkes developed the very first  
8 Mosquito Abatement District, making our outdoor spaces more livable; and  
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10 WHEREAS, even before Keep Slidell Beautiful, Mr. Dunbar was a front  
11 runner in citizenry activism, promoting trash pickups on Bayou Liberty Road. And he fought  
12 to preserve the old stately oak trees that lined Front Street, but that was a battle that was  
13 unfortunately lost. Thankfully, he was successful in saving the ancient ones along Bayou  
14 Liberty Road; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunbar is a world-renowned artist. There are many  
19 published books detailing Mr. Dunbar's art career and his impact on the art world. He is  
20 represented by top galleries from New York to New Orleans; and  
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23 WHEREAS, locally, Mr. Dunbar has been awarded the BRAVO! Award from  
24 the City of Slidell and the Commission on the Arts, the President's Art Award from St.  
25 Tammany y Parish, the Community Arts Award from the City Council of New Orleans, and  
26 the Silver Circle Award by the Contemporary Art Center; and  
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30 WHEREAS, respected art critics have published articles summarizing his  
31 museum shows and work in the collections of the British Museum of Art, the Museum of  
32 Modern Art in New York, the Whitney Museum, the New Orleans Museum of Art, Ogden  
33 Museum, and the Contemporary Art Center; and  
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4 WHEREAS, regardless of his fame and accomplishments, he calls Slidell  
5 home, and chose to raise his family here; and

7 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council and the Administration of the City of  
8 Slidell, desire to honor George Dunbar with the naming of the Gallery at Slidell Cultural  
9 Center in City Hall for his many contributions to the Cultural Arts in Slidell and around the  
10 world.  
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13 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does  
14 hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Administration,  
15 Article I, by adding a new section as follows:  
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17 **Sec. 2-7.2** Gallery at Slidell Cultural Center named.

18 The Gallery at Slidell Cultural Center in City Hall is hereby named the  
19 "George Dunbar Gallery" in recognition of his many contributions to the Cultural Arts in the  
20 City of Slidell, Louisiana.  
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22 **ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

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28 Leslie Denham  
29 President of the Council  
30 Councilwoman, District A

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33 Greg Cromer  
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37 Thomas P. Reeves  
38 Council Administrator  
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DELIVERED	3/22/22
12:45 pm	to the Mayor
RECEIVED	3/25/22
10:35 am	from the Mayor

## Application To Name Part A Public Building

Date: 2/15/22

Elected Official Submitting Application: Bill Borchert

Building: Slidell Cultural Center at City Hall

Portion: Gallery

Name of Person: George Dunbar

Description of person's commitment of time, talent and treasures that serve to improve and enhance the City of Slidell.

"Time" means no less than ten years.

"Talent" means arts, music, leadership or other definable acts.

"Treasure" means financial contribution to the City in the form of cash, movable and/or immovable property.

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Council Review Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Review Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Criminal Background Check Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Two-Thirds Council Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

## George Dunbar Community Impacts

- The Olde Towne Arts Center (OTAC), City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs and the Slidell Commission on the Arts are opening a George Dunbar Retrospective exhibition on March 18 from his private collection in his beloved hometown of Slidell for the first time.
- Mr. Dunbar was instrumental in establishing the Mayor's Slidell Commission on the Arts (which developed into the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs) as well as designing the original Slidell Cultural Center on Erlanger Street.
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- He has developed over 60 different unique, legacy living communities and neighborhoods from Mississippi to Louisiana, including River Oaks, Chamalé, and Coin du Lestin subdivisions.
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