



CITY OF KENNER

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DEDICATION OF NEW PUBLIC SCULPTURE – ELLA THE ELEPHANT – SET FOR DEC. 19

Kenner, LA. – The City of Kenner will officially dedicate its latest public sculpture – a 16-foot elephant named Ella – in a ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 19th at 2 p.m. on the median near Divine Mercy Church, 4337 Sal Lentini Parkway.

The sculpture was created by artist Hernan Caro, with the specific goal of educating the public about vanishing species around the world. Caro is one of a number of artists and business leaders associated with the Krewe of Awe, a group focused on saving vanishing species through education and policy changes.

The sculpture was donated to the city by Kenner residents Henry and Pat Shane. Henry Shane, an architect and developer, said he and his wife expect to donate at least 20 sculptures designed to be used with Kenner's 2030 corridor beautification plan. Ella makes the 9th donation thus far.

Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said city officials have already heard positive feedback about the proposed 2030 corridor improvements and beautification from business owners and developers.

"The goal is a city that residents are proud to show off to visitors, as well as a city that is safe and clean and vibrant – a perfect destination for young families and businesses," Yenni said.

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