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## **Draft Proposal for Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission Open for Public Comment**

WILSONVILLE, Ore. — The City of Wilsonville has released a draft proposal for forming an Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission and seeks public comment on the draft recommendations through Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, at [www.ci.Wilsonville.or.us/ACHC](http://www.ci.Wilsonville.or.us/ACHC).

Creating a proposed Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission is a City Council 2021-23 Goal and a key component of advancing the City of Wilsonville's Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy (ACHS) adopted by City Council in November 2020.

The proposed Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission would have primary responsibility to provide recommendations to City Council and various City departments on programs and activities relating to arts, culture and heritage. The Commission would be charged with overseeing implementation of the policies and programs of the ACHS recommendations, including developing a public-art program and advancing consideration of a community cultural arts center or facility.

The City Council is scheduled to consider the draft proposal and public comments at the Monday, Nov. 15, 5-7 pm, work session. Based on City Council direction, staff anticipate bringing a resolution to create the commission at the Dec. 20 City Council meeting.

Cultural community consultant Bill Flood was retained by the City to undertake additional fieldwork research that includes collecting data and conducting interviews with local governments and cultural nonprofits of 15 regional communities. Analysis of the research coupled with directions from the ACHS were synthesized to produce a draft proposal for how a City of Wilsonville Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission would be structured and the kinds of work programs to be utilized.

The ACHS was developed over a two-year period in conjunction with the largest advisory committee in the City's history, the 42-member ACHS Task Force. The Task Force reviewed results of several surveys, including a cultural vision survey, cultural assets survey and municipal survey of 15 cities operating arts, culture and heritage programs and facilities. Additionally, three Task Force committees—Arts, Humanities/Literary Arts and Heritage/History—reviewed and

supplemented the cultural assets inventory, an extensive listing of the Wilsonville area's cultural attributes.

The ACHS provides findings and recommendations to the City Council for cultivating a sustainable, long-term plan that supports community aspirations for a vibrant cultural scene in Wilsonville. For more information, see [ci.Wilsonville.or.us/ACHS](http://ci.Wilsonville.or.us/ACHS).

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