



ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

August 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Wilsonville City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting for the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) was held at City Hall and called to order 5:03 PM.

ACHC PRESENT

Susan Shenk, David Altman, Joan Carlson, Jason Jones, Sageera Oravil Abdulla Koya, Creed Harmon, Doug Parker, Aaron Harris

ACHC ABSENT

Deb Zundel

EX OFFICIO/CITY STAFF

Kris Ammerman, Parks and Rec Director
Erika Valentine, Arts and Culture Program Coordinator
Shasta Sasser, Library Director
Katie Dunwell, City Councilor

GUESTS

Ariella-Sophie Sternberg, Clackamas County Arts Alliance
Charlotte Lehan, Historical Society
Rosemary Ricken, Historical Society
Candy Bennett, Historical Society
Kristin Roche, Guest
Kathryn Whittaker, Guest

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Member Schenk made a motion to approve the April 16, 2025 Minutes. Member Carlson seconded the motion. David Altman, Jason Jones, Sageera Oravil Abdulla Koya, Creed Harmon, Doug Parker, Aaron Harris, Susan Schenk, Joan Carlson voted yes. Motion passed 8/0.

CITIZEN INPUT

The Commission received Citizen Input from Kristin Roche and Kathryn Whittaker regarding the desire to bring back the special event Boones Ferry Days. Roche spoke about their progress made so far and the multiple groups that have expressed interest in their efforts.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Officer Appointments for 25/26 Fiscal Year

Valentine reviewed the process for Officer Appointments which is done annually. She notified the ACHC that a new Chair would need to be appointed as Deb Zundel had stepped down as Chair. She also notified the ACHC that previous Vice Chair, Nadine Elbitar, moved out of the area so a new Vice Chair would also need to be appointed. Valentine relayed Deb Zundel's recommendations for nominations which were Jason Jones for Chair, and Sageera Oravil Abdulla Koya for Vice Chair.

Member Altman made a motion to appoint Jason Jones as Chair and Sageera Oravil Abdulla Koya for Vice Chair. Member Carlson seconded the motion. Susan Schenk, Sageera Oravil Abdulla Koya, Creed Harmon, Doug Parker, Aaron Harris, Jason Jones, David Altman, and Joan Carlson Voted yes. Motion Passed 8/0.

Wilsonville Historical Society Update

Charlotte Lehan gave a presentation on behalf of the Wilsonville History Society. This included completed projects like the book "Growing Up in Wilsonville" as well as upcoming projects coming in the future.

Boones Ferry Park Public Art Project Status Report

Valentine provided a status report on the Boones Ferry Park Public Art Project including: summary of the project, background, theme 'Essence of the River', artist contracts, previous site visit, etc.

HeARTs of Wilsonville: Many Cultures, One Heart Project Debrief

Valentine provided general information about the Hearts project and its great success and positive community input. She reminded the Commission about the plans for silent auction of some of the hearts. Valentine provided some ideas about which hearts to keep and which to include in the auction. The ACHC requested that Valentine return with some fund estimates on what might be generated. The ACHC also requested that the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board decide on outcome of the Kitakata themed heart.

Wilsonville Public Library Children's Section Murals Project Information

Valentine provided an overview of the upcoming Children's Section Murals Project taking place at the Library. She reviewed the project scope and selection process which includes a selection panel consisting of Library Staff, Library Foundation members, and at least 2 ACHC Members. When asked for volunteers Joan Carlson and Creed Harmon volunteered to be a part of that Panel. Valentine notified the ACHC that the panel would forward their recommendation to the ACHC for their final approval, which follows the City's Public Art Policy.

ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE

Valentine provided an update on upcoming parks and rec events and new classes/workshops being offered (stained glass, cake decorating, etc.)

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:33PM.