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From: Ottenad, Mark
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 1:20 PM
To: Veliz, Kim
Cc: Cosgrove, Bryan; Ammerman, Kris; Stevenson, Brian; Mombert, Zoe
Subject: FW: Testimony to City Council on Dec. 20 Resolution to Create Arts, Culture, and Heritage Comm

Good day Kim,

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Superintendent Kathy Ludwig provides the following testimony to the City Council regarding Resolution No. 2941 that creates the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission. Thank you.

Mark

From: Kathy Ludwig <ludwigk@wlwv.k12.or.us>
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Subject: Re: Testimony to City Council on Dec. 20 Resolution to Create Arts, Culture, and Heritage Comm

Hello Mark,

Thank you for the invitation. I will be unable to attend the December 20th City Council meeting to provide testimony. In lieu of attendance, I offer this email (public comment) in support of Resolution 2491 that creates an Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission.

The City of Wilsonville has been a significant partner with West Linn-Wilsonville students, teachers, staff and schools to promote, encourage and integrate opportunities for artistic expression, heritage and cultural events. We can point to a number of collaborative projects (Beauty & the Bridge, theater & art shows, heritage festival at WHS) as well as generous support (grants, mentors, apprenticeships, etc) where our students have benefitted from this partnership.

In a few years, the new auditorium at Wilsonville High School will be complete. We look forward to exploring opportunities for summer community theater productions and community musical/dance performances at this venue, bringing multi-generational & multicultural casts of students, parents, grandparents and community members together to learn alongside one another...and enrich our community.

Having an Arts, Cultural and Heritage Commission will keep these opportunities intentional, consistent and vibrant. We stand ready to support and continue the partnership in whatever way possible.

Most sincerely,
Kathy Ludwig, Superintendent

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:50 AM Ottenad, Mark <ottenad@ci.wilsonville.or.us> wrote:

Good day Kathy,

I am writing to follow-up on yesterday's email regarding the Wilsonville City Council's scheduled consideration on [Monday, Dec. 20](#), of a resolution that would create an [Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission](#) (ACHC).

For those who wish to provide written or spoken testimony on [Resolution No. 2941](#) that creates the Commission during Citizen Input (7:10 pm early in Council meeting), please complete a speaker card in advance at www.ci.wilsonville.or.us/SpeakerCard. Yesterday's note incorrectly indicated that public comment could be offered later in the Council meeting.

Establishing the Commission is a City Council 2021-23 Goal and a key component of advancing the City's [Arts, Culture, and Heritage Strategy \(ACHS\)](#) adopted by Council in November 2020.

The 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, recommending grant allocations and funding sources, and advancing consideration of a community cultural arts center or facility.

- [Resolution No. 2941; Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission Bylaws; and Staff Report for the City Council Meeting on Dec. 20, 2021](#)
- [Summary of Resolution No. 2941 and Bylaws that Establish the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission \(ACHC\), Dec. 15, 2021](#)

Additional materials are online at: www.ci.wilsonville.or.us/achc. To provide written or spoken testimony on Resolution No. 2941 during Citizen Input (early in meeting), please complete a speaker card in advance at www.ci.wilsonville.or.us/SpeakerCard.

Subsequent to the adoption of Resolution No. 2941, the City plans to promote the Commission position vacancies during January 2022, conduct applicant interviews during February through March, and aim to seat the Commission for a first meeting in April or May 2022. An initial order of Commission business will be to review and prioritize implementation of the ACHS recommendations for the first one-year implementation/five-year action business plan for Council approval.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

- Mark

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