

RESOLUTION NO. 2941

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CREATING THE ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Strategy (“ACHS”), November 2020, on Nov. 16, 2020, with adoption of Resolution No. 2857; and

WHEREAS, the ACHS was a product of considerable community engagement conducted over a two-year period with multiple public surveys and meetings that engaged a 42-member task force appointed by the City Manager composed of local-area residents and West Linn-Wilsonville School District education officials with a personal and/or professional interest and experience with arts, culture and heritage programs, events and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the ACHS provided a set of recommendations to improve arts, culture, and heritage activities, events, facilities and programs for the greater Wilsonville community, including a recommendation for the City to establish an Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (“Commission” or “ACHC”) to advance the ACHS and advise the City Council and other City boards, committees and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City retained community cultural development consultant Bill Flood, who advised on the development of the ACHS, to conduct further research during the August through October 2021 timeframe on how 15 municipalities in the greater Portland region organize and produce their public art, culture and heritage activities, events, facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, the data from research of area municipalities; the findings and recommendations of the ACHS; and feedback from an August 30, 2021, meeting with a dozen leaders of area cultural nonprofits assisted in forming the basis for initial ACHC recommendations; and

WHEREAS, additional public comments via an online survey conducted Oct. 26 through Nov. 8, 2021, and City Council preferences expressed during a Nov. 15, 2021, work session informed the final ACHC recommendations as memorialized in the Commission Bylaws attached herein as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the ACHS recommended that the oversight and administration of the Community Tourism Matching Grant Program that was transferred from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to the Tourism Promotion Committee on June 15, 2015, with Resolution No. 2541 should be transferred to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the ACHS recommended that the Community Tourism Matching Grant Program be renamed as the Community Cultural Events and Programs Matching Grant Program and that the Commission advise the Council on potential improvements to the Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission is hereby created as a deliberative and recommending body of the Parks and Recreation Department with support from the Wilsonville Public Library and Administration Department subject to the provisions of the attached Bylaws as Exhibit 1; and
2. The oversight and administration of the Community Tourism Matching Grant Program that was transferred from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to the Tourism Promotion Committee on June 15, 2015, with Resolution No. 2541 is hereby transferred to the Commission with Council adoption of Resolution No. 2941 on Dec. 20, 2021, effective with the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget on July 1, 2022; and
3. The Community Tourism Matching Grant Program is hereby renamed as the Community Cultural Events and Programs Matching Grant Program effective July 1, 2022, that is intended to aid organizations that produce projects, programs or events that promote local business and tourism, and for festivals and special events for the benefit of the Wilsonville community;
4. The Heritage Tree Committee created by Resolution No. 1928 of April 5, 2005, is made a subcommittee of the Commission to be populated by members of the Commission. Current staffing support from the Planning Division of the Community Development Department may continue or be modified at the City Manager's discretion.

5. The original purpose of the Heritage Tree Committee continues to oversee a “heritage tree program [that] will recognize, foster appreciation of, and inspire awareness of the contribution trees make to the community” and advocate that “heritage tree recognition will promote awareness of our history as a community, and provides important links to the past.” The Commission, however, may modify the name, purpose and other components of the Heritage Tree Committee as the Commission sees fit.
6. This Resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof on the 20th day of December 2021, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Fitzgerald

Council President Akervall

Councilor Lehan

Councilor West

Councilor Linville

EXHIBIT:

1. Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) Bylaws, Dec. 20, 2021