

City of Wilsonville Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy (ACHS)

FINDINGS

1. Wilsonville is a young community and lacks a clear community core/center and cultural focus as other suburban communities.
2. Demographic changes underway shape the future community.
3. Wilsonville cultural nonprofit organizations are stressed; COVID-19 pandemic has worsened their condition.
4. The City lacks a comprehensive plan for supporting arts, culture and heritage facilities, programs and events.
5. The primary units of local government do not coordinate or collaborate on support for arts, culture and heritage.
6. The community seeks public-sector leadership to support arts, culture and heritage facilities, programs and events.
7. Substantial community demand exists for an arts/cultural center/facility.
8. Public art is recognized as a significant cultural asset in Wilsonville.
9. Funding and resource development are crucial to improve nonprofit organizational capacity and advance arts/culture programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City adopts this cultural strategy and provides public-sector leadership and coordination to support arts, culture and heritage facilities, programs and events.
2. City forms an Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission and provides supporting staffing resource.
3. Improve inter-governmental collaboration and coordination to advance arts, culture and heritage.
4. The City works with partners to advance an arts and cultural center/facility.
5. Develop a long-term, sustainable public-arts program.
6. Make cultural diversity and ethnic inclusivity a priority.
7. Provide strategic assistance with Wilsonville cultural non-profits in order to build organizational capacity.
8. Improve and create sustainable funding mechanisms to support arts, culture and heritage.

