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City Names Task Force Members for Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy, Sets Meeting Dates

WILSONVILLE, Ore. — City of Wilsonville City Manager Bryan Cosgrove announced the names of 27 individuals to serve on the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy Task Force. Participants include the leaders of local-area nonprofit organizations and government agencies engaged in arts, culture and heritage activities, programs and events, together with residents who support cultural affairs and artists/craftspeople.

City Manager Cosgrove said, “The City received an overwhelming response for participation in the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy, which is a City Council 2019-21 goal. We are fortunate to be able to enlist a high-quality stakeholder group of community members with a strong interest in developing and promoting arts, culture and heritage in Wilsonville.”

Tentative dates for task force meetings, based on a poll of task force members, to be held online via Zoom include:

- Wednesday, June 24, 3-4:30 pm
- Tuesday, July 21, 1-2:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 25, 1-2:30 pm

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy Task Force is to act as a sounding board for the strategy development, reviewing and commenting on material as it is produced. The task force is scheduled to convene for a three-month period, June through August of 2020. Because of COVID-19, three virtual meetings are tentatively scheduled for late June, July and August. Due to the high-level of public interest, additional task force members may be added.

A steering committee composed of task force members is to provide specific, immediate feedback to the City during strategy development. Additional committees may be organized, including a youth advisory group and specialized committees to advise on a cultural assets inventory.

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy, a [City Council 2019-21 Goal](#), seeks to provide 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 www.ci.Wilsonville.or.us/ArtsCultureStrategy.

Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy Task Force Members

As of June 19, 2020

Task Force members' list sorted by last name

Donna Atkinson, Outreach Chair, Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc.

Toni Avery, local-area artist

Steve Benson, former City of Wilsonville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member

Dwight Brashear, SMART Transit Director, City of Wilsonville

Paul Bunn, former City of Wilsonville Budget Committee member

Joan Carlson, retired; former Boones Ferry Primary School Artist-in-Residence

Mary Closson, President, Closson Communications; former City of Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member

Maggie Decker, Past Chair, Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council

John Dillin, local-area resident interested in art

Pat Duke, Library Director, Wilsonville Public Library

Angennette Escobar, Art Educator, Wilsonville High School

Gerald (Jerry) Greenfield, Commission Chair, City of Wilsonville Planning Commission

Eric Hoem, President, Charbonneau Arts Association

Greg Leo, Board Member, Friends of Historic Butteville

Troy Matthews, Art Educator, Wood Middle School

Mike McCarty, Parks & Recreation Director, City of Wilsonville

Benjamin Medford, Director of the Wilsonville Festival of the Arts, Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council

Padmanabhan (PK) Melethil, President, Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council

Mallory Nelson, local-area resident artist

David Niklas, President, WilsonvilleSTAGE

David Penaflor, Board Member, Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon; Korean War Veterans Assn (KWVA)/Oregon Trail Chapter

Susan Schenk, Board Member, Clackamas County Arts Alliance; Wilsonville Boones Ferry Historical Society

Rohit Sharma, Member, City of Wilsonville Tourism Promotion Committee

Christopher Shotola-Hart, former Visual Art Teacher, Wilsonville High School (retired)

Richard Spence, Board Member, WilsonvilleSTAGE; Wilsonville Public Library Foundation

Steven Van Wechel, President, Wilsonville Boones Ferry Historical Society

Kit Whitaker, Board Member, Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council

City Council Liaison: Charlotte Lehan, City Councilor

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