



ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 16, 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 at 5:02pm.

ACHC PRESENT

(Chair) Deb Zundel, (Vice Chair) Nadine Elbitar, Susan Schenk, David Altman, Joan Carlson, Jason Jones, Benjamin Mefford, Sageera Oravil Abdulla Koya

ACHC ABSENT

Aaron Harris

EX OFFICIO/CITY STAFF / GUESTS

Kris Ammerman, Parks and Rec Director
Erika Valentine, Arts and Culture Program Coordinator
Stephanie Davidson, Assistant City Attorney
Shasta Sasser, Library Director
Raziah Roushan, Public Art Consultant
Diane Imel, DEI Committee Member
Carolina Wilde, DEI Committee Member
Todji Kurtzman, Guest (Artist)
Ben Dye, Guest (Artist)
Sue Taves, Guest (Artist)
Ariella-Sophie Sternberg, Guest

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Member Carlson made a motion to approve the March 19, 2025 Minutes. Member Altman seconded the motion. (Chair) Deb Zundel, (Vice Chair) Nadine Elbitar, Joan Carlson, Jason Jones, Benjamin Mefford, Sageera Oravil Abdulla Koya all voted yes. Motion passed.

CITIZEN INPUT

The Commission received public input from Rick Wallace regarding the pride mural designs which was in favor of Daren Todd's design.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Temporary Pride Month Mural Artist/Design Selection

Valentine reminded the Commission the process for reviewing artwork/designs and went over staff report. The Commission had two designs to review: Daren Todd's and Paola De La Cruz's. The group discussed each design.

Member Altman made a motion to approve Daren Todd's design. Member Jason Jones seconded the motion. The motion received 3 No votes by Member Carlson, Member Elbitar, and Member Imel (DEI). The motion received 7 yes votes from the remaining members: Member Schenk, Member Zundel, Member Mefford, Member Koya, Member Wilde (DEI), Member Jones and Member Altman. Motion Passed 7 (yes) to 3 (no)

Boones Ferry Park Public Art Project Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – Review and Scoring

Valentine reviewed the overall project for Boones Ferry Park which as the theme 'Essence of the River.' She reminded the Commission about the 3 location zones outlined in the original RFQ and that the project has a \$100,000 budget. The goal for this section of the meeting were for the Commission to make a selection from the top 10 artists/artist teams on which three artists to advance as finalists to the next phase of the project which is the RFP Design Stage. Commissioners confirmed that they all received and scored 10 RFQ submissions ahead of time. Commissioners were asked to look at previous body of work, design aesthetic, relevant experience and their narrative responses. Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Davidson, also was present to make announcements on how a formal RFQ process must be conducted by public officials. Staff showed the 10 artists and their rankings/scores on the board, which were all calculated ahead of time. The top three scoring artists/teams were: Pete Beeman, Todji Kurtzman, and Lin McJunkin/Milo White. The Commission discussed the top scoring artists to ultimately come to a motion.

Member Schenk made a motion to approve advancement of artists: Pete Beeman, Todji Kurtzman, Lin McJunkin/Milo White (team) to the RFP Design Phase. Member Carlson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor including: Member Zundel, Member Mefford, Member Koya, Member Jones, Member Altman, Member Elbitar. Motion Passed.

ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE

Valentine provided an update on the hearts project and reminded the Commission about the heARTs Reception.

ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at 6:24pm