



# CITY OF OREGON CITY ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

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City Hall Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City  
Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

*This meeting will be held in-person at the location listed above and virtually via Zoom. Please contact [dgering@orc.org](mailto:dgering@orc.org) for the Zoom link if you wish to participate.*

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 10/20/2022 Meeting Minutes

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the Arts Commission but not listed as an item on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to waive limitations. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the Staff Member. The Arts Commission does not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the Economic Development Manager.*

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Interview: Quire Leah Hugon
2. Interview: Emma Lugo
3. Interview: Joshua Planton
4. Selection of Recommendations for Arts Commissioners
5. 2022 Oregon City Community Arts Survey Results

## COMMUNICATIONS

## ADJOURNMENT

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## PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

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*Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the City Recorder. When the Mayor/Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. Each speaker is given three (3) minutes to speak. To assist in tracking your speaking time, refer to the timer on the table.*

*As a general practice, the City Commission does not engage in discussion with those making comments. Electronic presentations are permitted but shall be delivered to the City Recorder 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

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### **ADA NOTICE**

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# Oregon City Arts Commission

October 20, 2022

7:00 PM

## Draft Minutes

### Attendance

Trieste Andrews (Chair)

Mary Andrus\*

Tima Carlson (Vice Chair) \*

Emma Lugo

Tammy Jo Wilson

Jenn Woodward

### Staff Present

Daniel Gering – Economic Development Coordinator

### Guests

Denyse McGriff, Mayor, Oregon City

Dianne Alves, Executive Director, Clackamas County Arts Alliance

\*Attended via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Commissioner Andrews.

### Roll Call

### Approval Minutes for September 15, 2022

Public Comment - None

### Presentations –

**Clackamas County Arts Alliance – Dianne Alves** Overview presentation regarding the structure the Clackamas County Arts Alliance. Been around for 28 years. Latest project is focused on rebranding their website and logo. Keeping Arts and Culture central to life on Clackamas County. New focus on how to elevate Clackamas County as an Arts driver in Oregon. Two programs that CCAA focused on two programs, the Artist Exhibit program, and the Youth Arts for Change program. They are the facilitators for the surveys related to Arts and Economic Prosperity Report. They also represent Clackamas County in the Tri-county Arts and Culture Plan.

### Discussion Items:

#### 1. Process for Arts Commissioner Appointments/Reappointments

Applications for Arts Commission are available. Deadline is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2. Replacement of Art on Center and 7th

Staff have requested assistance by the Arts Commission to create a Call for Artists to create the criteria for the art to replace the damaged art on Center and 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, staff requested on how

the Call for Artists should be distributed and recommendations on organizations that may be able to assist the distribution of the announcement. Suggestion by Commissioner Wilson was to survey the neighborhood to identify what they liked and get a feel for how the art could be designed to best represent the community desire. Mayor McGriff mentioned seeing if an item could be added to the local homeowner association to get that on their agenda. Commissioner Lugo volunteered to attend the next meeting. Commissioners Wilson and Woodward volunteered to help staff craft the Call to Artist.

### **3. Review Arts Survey**

Staff presented the printed copy of the printed copy of the survey.

#### **Communications:**

##### **Arts Commissioner Updates**

**Adjournment at 8:30PM**

# Oregon City Community Arts Survey

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2022

# General Specifics

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SURVEY RAN FROM  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.



119 RESPONSES



46% CONVERSION  
RATE



AVERAGE TIME TO  
TAKE SURVEY – 5:23

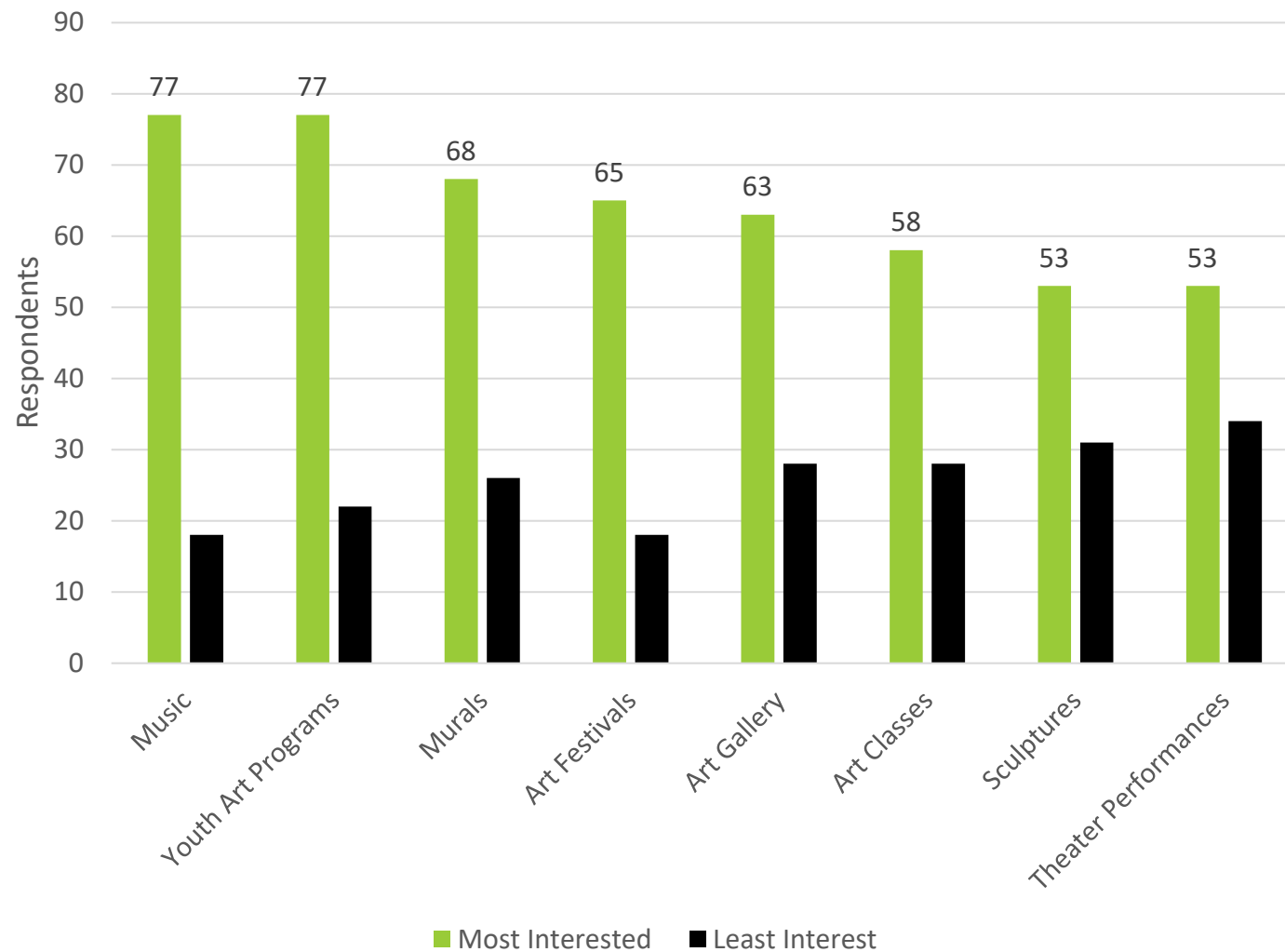
## Device Specifics



33.1% took the survey on desktop



66.9% took the survey on smart phones



1. What art programs would you like to see more of in Oregon City?  
Please rate from 1 (least interested) to 5 (most interested) stars

# Appendix A1

## What art programs would you like to see more of in Oregon City?

### Optional Comments

Please rate from 1 (least interested) to 5 (most interested) stars

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- Emphasis on culturally responsive activities and events is important.
- BIPOC and LGBTQ please
- Art is a waste of my tax money!!! I want bums gone and a hundred other things more than art!!! Please do something else with that money, please!!!!
- The Farmers Market NEEDS to be downtown. Why it's not at the Oregon trail wagon park is beyond me. Also, Oregon trail wagon park is white supremacist history. Gross. Manifest destiny white angel woman art? Gross.
- Entertainment.
- There's enough art that is questionable around Oregon city.
- How about provide art that won't end up being an eyesore.
- Murals r ugly
- Hunks of metal around is ugly
- Dance Performances
- Since the arts have not had much of a voice or place in Oregon City government for many years, we need to support all forms of arts. Everything from providing affordable spaces for arts festivals, gallery spaces and involvement with programs for young artists. We have a wealth of artists in Oregon City that have been under utilized for too many years. Its time to make art a major component of our communities lives.

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- Thanks for asking. Let's jazz this place up a little. Especially some of our jankier, top-of-the-hill areas.
- I would like to see the homeless filth out of Oregon city so we the people can enjoy the beautiful city. It's not even safe to walk the streets with the drug addicted people flying high and dropping trash and defecating on our streets. This is ridiculous. What is the point of art when no one can enjoy it. Let's spend money cleaning up our city and then build art!!!
- film festival!
- Arts should be very low priority for funding with tax dollars, the arts are a personal choice and should be privately funded rather than a function of the government.
- No Arts Tax please- we are not Portland
- I love the art in lake oswego vs indoor art galleries for a city. Love when the theme is centered on authentic Oregon City history and nature. It would be nice to continue to see native American art that honors the importance of the area in the past.
- Public murals & sculptures that exhibit local artists at intersections can have a very positive impact of the lives of residents as well as inspiring youth.
- All of these would be wonderful and much needed for our community. Would also like to see options for lower income students and families!

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- Let Our Youth Take ART In School, and I Don't Want Our TAX Dollars to go Towards Murals and Sculptures To Be VANDALIZED! We Can't Stand The Concerts! Their Way To LOUD And Infringe On Others In The Sanctuary of Their Home. Concerts Should Be ELSEWHERE, NOT In Neighborhoods. The NOISE Carries Up The Hill To The Neighborhoods! We Deserve To Have Peace and Quiet At Our Homes! Let People Go And Find Their Niche, It's NOT The City's Business To Make All The NOISE And TRAFFIC Nightmares! The College and The High School Has Theater. Oregon City Is Just Trying To Duplicate Everything That ALREADY EXISTS! We Like QUIET and LESS TRAFFIC!
- Restoration of existing murals might be an idea!
- Upkeep on existing public sculptures-
- I'm still in awe that this conservative community supported the Lee Kelly sculpture on Railroad Ave, big kudos on that acquisition!
- Youth theater
- Summer music in the park please! Every year please!
- Bands playing music outside downtown on the weekends. Where I grew up there was always at least 1 local band on a sidewalk downtown.
- Murals on downtown rooftops.

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- More visible art from local high school students.
- Bring back something like First Friday Art Walk....getting people downtown so they know more about what downtown has to offer.....utilizing Liberty Plaza more....
- Making downtown more lively will bring more folks into the core business....use the Library Park for more community oriented events....parking is always a consideration.....or parking near elevator more transportation friendly?!
- All of the art!
- A large art center similar to The Reser in Beaverton.

## 2. Please prioritize, in order of importance, the focus of future public art projects:

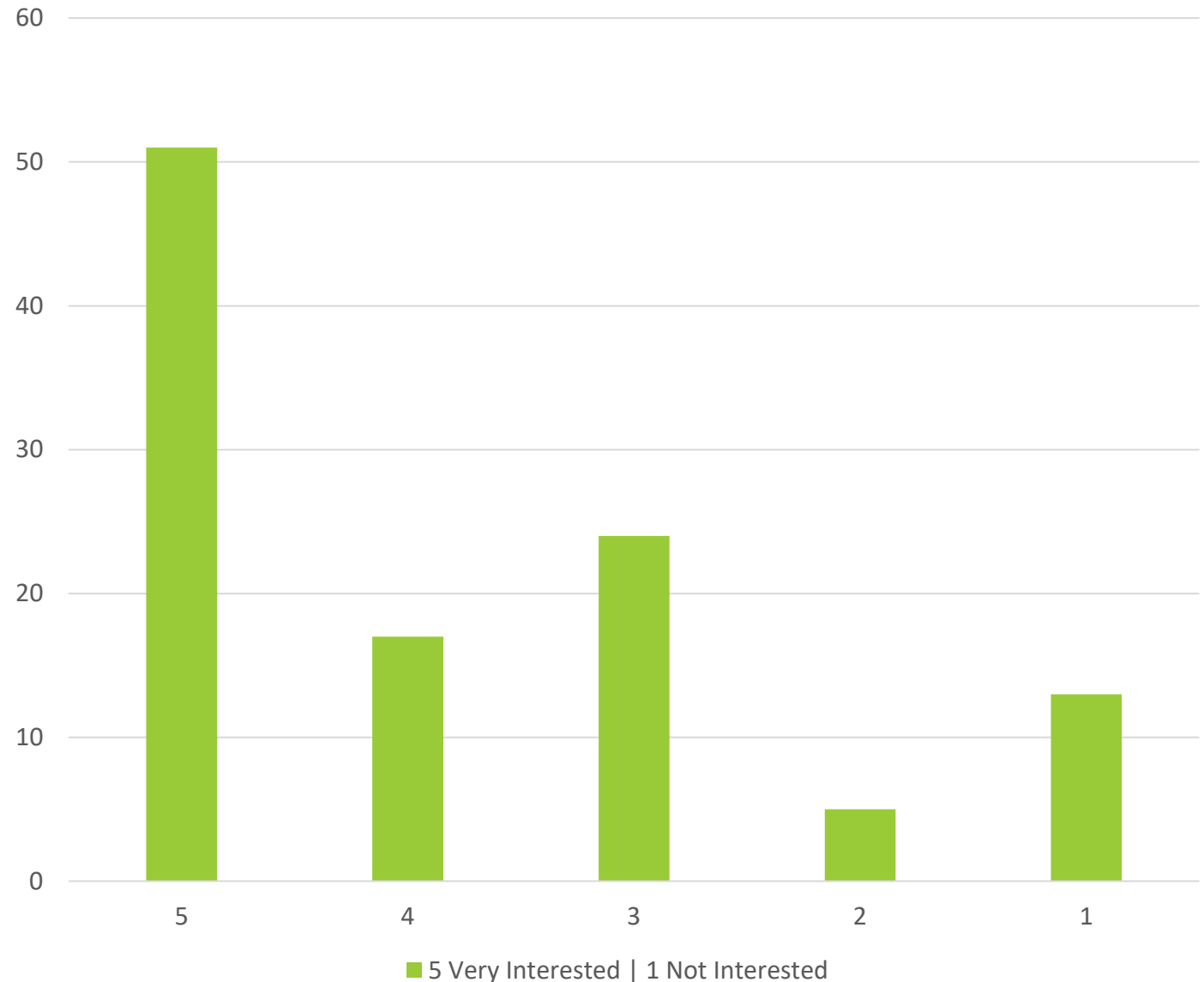
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Users were able to order their answer in any combination.

The most popular combination (26.9%) was...

- Art that links past, present, and future
- Art that creates connection to place
- Art that creates joy and community
- Art that centers on diversity, equity, and inclusion

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important do you think an Arts Center would be to the Oregon City community? An arts center would be a physical location that includes but wouldn't be limited to visual, performance and musical arts for all ages.





4. Community art grants could benefit individuals, nonprofits, or community groups in Oregon City. On a scale of 1 to 5 please rate each of the following categories:

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The most popular combination (31.4%) was...

1. Art in public spaces\*
2. Arts education for all ages
3. Individual local artist\*\*
4. Youth arts programming
5. Murals

\*This was the most popular #1 spot in 66.4% of combinations

\*\*This was the most popular #2 spot in 32.9% of combinations

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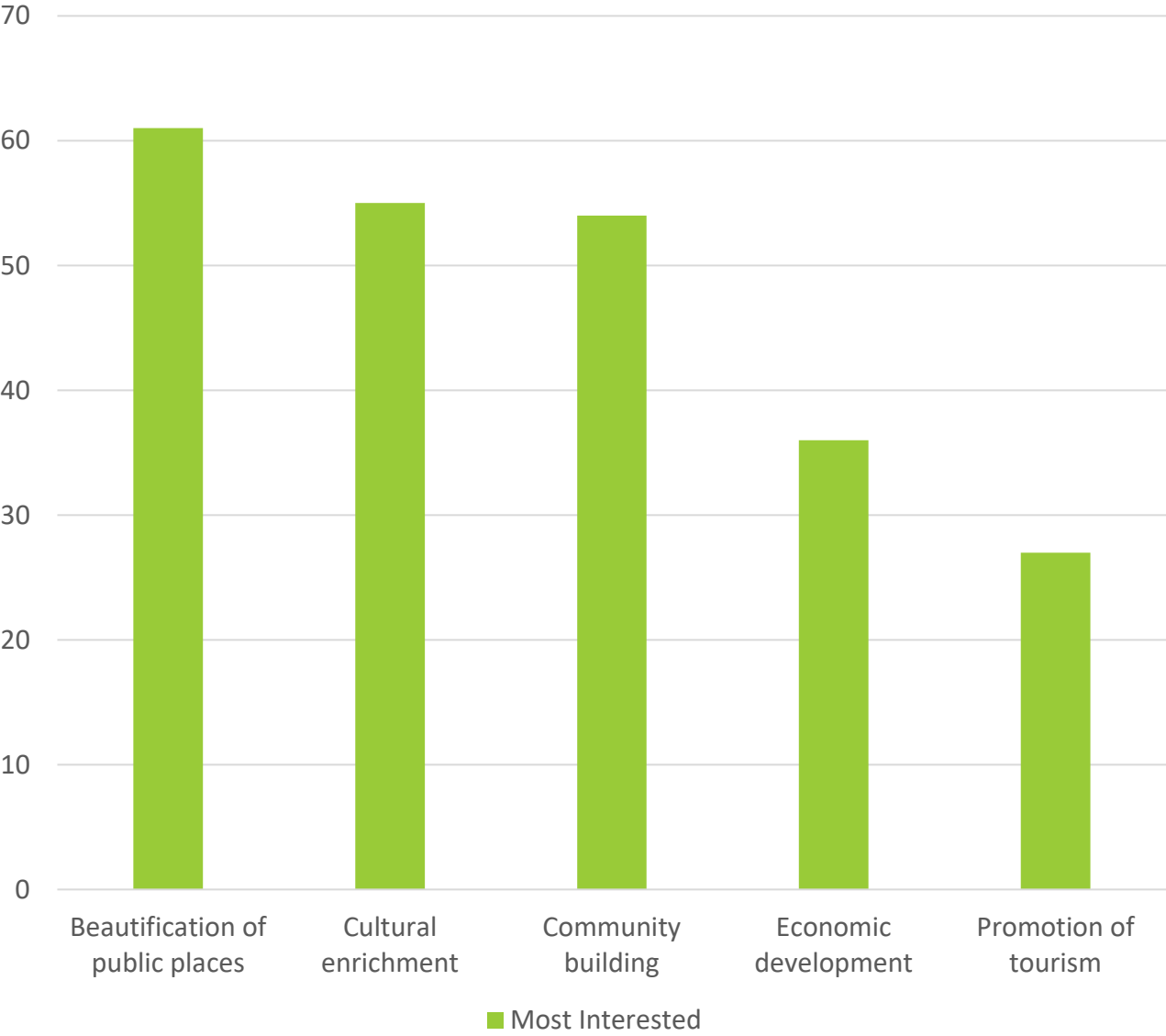
Other Comments:

- I feel community building and cultural enrichment is so important. Always tourism and economic development are a huge part of it
- Lift the spirit
- Don't waste tax money with this art shit!!
- Stop wasting tax payer money fix necessities
- Crime, homeless, roads. Places for senior citizens.
- Gif the quiet the railroad project
- There is not enough parking in downtown oregon city for apartment living and patrons who frequent downtown businesses
- Tax payers should not be funding this. If you INSIST ON APARTMENTS let developers do it but parking is a huge issue."
- It should highlight and focus on many different children programs.
- We've seen what a successful arts community can bring to the city by bringing people from outside into our community. During the 2022 Festival of the Arts, we brought in 6 to 8,000 people to the event to purchase arts and enjoy the music. Our artists did incredibly well during this event. I only wish we had more businesses in that part of town to direct all the traffic. They could have flooded neighboring restaurants and shops. The Friends of the Library bookstore built community with their mural project in 2022. The mural was supported fully with community contributions because our community loves books and art!
- Clean the city first!!!

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Other Comments (cont.):

- Admit all the homeless drug addicts so they can get the help they need first!!!!
- Inspiring and motivating citizens
- something to do for our young people
- Again funding for the arts should be a choice by individuals using their own resources rather than compulsory funding through tax dollars.
- Education especially on topics not widely known, eg, hidden history
- We Already Have ENOUGH!
- Too enhance our already rich visual surroundings with artwork that transcends the everyday.
- Art of all forms would hugely benefit our town. It would cultivate our identity and community and should be a priority going forward.
- Temporary or rotating public artworks have the potential to connect with people at a particular moment in time and create immersive community experiences



5. What role do you feel the arts should play in Oregon City? Please rate from 1 (least interested) to 5 (most interested) stars

# 6. Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share with the Oregon City Arts Commission? Please include them here. (cont.)

Item 5.

- Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share with the Oregon City Arts Commission? Please include them here.
- "Would really like to see more promotion of activities related to art, through local businesses. Maybe a new creative way to Spread the word to more Of our community members."
- A grand performing arts center - is there a Patricia Reser in Clackamas co? or OR City?
- The Clackistani philosophy seldom supports the arts. Just too many conservative meat heads in this town. Keep up the good work and keep pressuring our community to support the arts. Our children and grandchildren will thank you for it.
- Ability for community groups to access funds or spaces for community cultural events would be ideal.
- The Arts Commission does a great job bringing Arts to everyone! Thank you!
- See Ljubljana, Slovenia for ideas Re benches, riverfront, bridges, community life around a vibrant central promenade and market center
- No additional comments
- Art is not important. Please focus funds of things that matter!
- Manifest destiny art at the Oregon trail park is gross, disgusting and embarrassing. Please do better.
- I hope we can see some real projects benefit our community in the coming year. Local nonprofits, like the guild need assistance in finding affordable locations to put on events along with help in finding locations for a gallery space. The Three Rivers Artist Guild is going to be working on a business plan in 2023 so we can move forward fully prepared on finding a gallery space. Consultation and advice from the commission would be invaluable. Lynda Orzen.2023 CoChair Three Rivers Artist Guild
- Clean up the city. Remove the homeless make our city safe again.
- Please bring artists to OC! Chalk drawing festival on Main Street, a large mural along wall next to elevator, we really need an arts /community center for all. Look at the one in Newport for a GREAT example!! Could be down by Home Depot/north end, so many things could happen there...a new pool (NO WATERPARK!!!! 🤔), art classes, exercise room/gym, dance classes, meetings, art shows, live theatre, farmers market, an actual grocery store ????? Green Zebra? etc etc..... it's exactly what we need! OC needs to modernize. No reason history can't also be honored by modern and new. This city has such potential! Kick out the car and boat dealerships, they could move south of Canemah and build modern, useful buildings overlooking the River. Divert 99 traffic away from downtown. What about developing along Abernathy Creek, like Silverton has...restaurants and parks overlooking the creek.... OC could be as appealing as Silverton...except it's not. Please help us bring the city into this century.

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- Thank you
- I used to live in Corvallis, where there was an annual art, science, and music festival called Davinci Days. I would love to see something like that in Oregon City. Perhaps it could tie in with the history of indigenous peoples and/or the Oregon Trail.
- Oregon City certainly is big enough to have an Arts Center. The great attendance at the art festivals and other events shows the public's interest in art. The Three Rivers Artist Guild has made an impact on the community and needs/deserves gallery space. It seems long overdue that our community doesn't have one.
- If you haven't already, maybe you should partner with Clackamas Community College and the Clackamas Repertory Theatre.
- Do not raise taxes.
- "when I was in my teens we had a local coffee shop that hosted an all ages weekly open mic, along with frequent all ages shows.
- when my kids reach teen age, I'm looking around for places like this for them to hang out and I do not see many.
- so whatever arts programs you consider, please don't create age barriers to our youth, create opportunities for them"
- As stated in other comments. I would like to see Oregon City's rich history remain intact, rather than being changed or canceled in the name of diversity, equity and inclusion as has been the focus by so many, for example in renaming schools, etc. Try as you like, history cannot be erased, but rather learned from and improved upon as those lessons are learned.
- We need more-much more art classes for adults-Such as pottery, painting, arts and craft etc.
- I would like to see the arts in oregon city become more contemporary and informed. This might be challenging for some community members but art can make change and create a positive dialogue between others. There is a balance between tradition and the avant garde and I'd like to see OC find that. The arts commission needs to continue to recruit professional artists and administrators who have seen what's going on beyond our city limits.
- Yes, I would like to talk to the person heading up this project. Please call Ellen Whyte, (503)314-7626
- Coordination with arts alliance
- Thank you for sharing this survey with residents of Oregon City!
- Do not support increased taxes for art

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- Ensure creative control is given to native artists.
- Participation and funding of these ideas should be voluntary and not by compulsion (ie. Taxes)
- Concerning the arts center: which is the high end of your scale?? 1 or 5 ? Confusing...
- Arts brings communities together and promotes deeper understanding and compassion. Any additional arts programs are most welcome and needed!
- Art in parks
- Stop Expanding, And Leave Things The Way They Are! We Love Oregon City The Way It Is.
- "Wasn't aware there was an Arts commission until recently.
- 1) the Arts commission should takeover the Halloween Costume Contest event-"
- No more taxes
- Bring community schools arts in current public settings for display.
- Please promote local artists!
- Summer and winter ( twice year)
- Local Art fair would be wonderful!
- We should spend this money on our homeless problem that keeps getting worse. Public nudity, Public sexual activities all on Main Street. I don't want to see this in our small town! Something needs to be done quickly and efficiently!
- I feel it is important to maintain the historical aspect of Oregon City in any art for the public to enjoy. For example, the metal sculptures on the downtown street lights are not historical. Their artistic expression is really nice, but don't feel it is right for Oregon City.
- A focus on diversity and inclusion would be much appreciated in this community.

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(cont.)

- Thank you for doing this survey. Where I grew up the arts were the most treasured part of the community and I would love to raise my family in a place with similar priorities. A welcoming art center, incentives for local artists to open shops in town, rotating public exhibits, more encouragement to our students to show and perform their art, and public and accessible live music would add so much enrichment to this town.
- I recognize that the arts in all formats play an important role in the community but I also believe that the economic demographics of a municipality comes into play just as age plays a factor in some communities.
- More community based arts programming (facilitating the creation of public art) inside neighborhoods to connect families at each park. Get input from the people who live there and hire artists to implement the project with residents participating in the creation. Place making.
- Excited about art being an important initiative in our city, and the possibility of an art center.



# Thank You

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