

Cultural plan underway

The Municipality of Anchorage's Dept. of Cultural and Recreational Services announced the city's Cultural Planning process is underway and is entering its second and most public phase.

Eight public meetings on focused subjects related to the arts and culture in Anchorage are scheduled for May 18 - 20 to solicit public input on specific, key issues critical to the future of cultural planning in Anchorage.

The eight subject areas include: Marketing: What are Anchorage audience like? What do Anchorage residents want to spend their leisure time dollars on? And how can target groups be identified? Arts Education: Curricula oriented to young people both in and out of the school system. Funding: Short and long term strategies for establishing a base for funding of cultural programming and collaboration possibilities.

Performing Arts: All aspects of arts and cultural performances in a variety of theaters and performing spaces. Underserved Populations: Arts and cultural programming for people who don't have as many opportunities to use of offerings available in Anchorage.

Advocacy: Developing strategies to promote arts and culture as integral, not peripheral, to the quality of Anchorage life. Visual Arts: Issues of interest to visual artists, as well as to those who market or display those works of art in shops or museums. Multicultural Arts: Art in all forms which has its genesis in or reflects a particular ethnic or cultural background.

In addition to these meetings, there will be electronic Town Meeting on May 19 aired as a joint telecast/radio broadcast by KAKM TV and KSKA Radio. Residents are invited to call in and express themselves on any issues identified as critical to the development of the cultural plan.

More information is available by calling 343-4365.