



ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 1
September 14, 2022
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Overview of 1% for Art in Public Places Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
	RECOMMENDED ACTION:	
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EXHIBITS:	1. MICC 4.40.200 1% for Art in Public Places Fund	

SUMMARY

Mercer Island’s 1% for Art in Public Places Fund (1%) was permanently established in 1993 (Exhibit 1) to provide a dedicated funding source for public art acquisitions and maintenance. Much of the City’s public art collection was partially or completely acquired using 1% funds, and funds also support annual and one-off public art maintenance to maintain the life and longevity of the collection. Recent 1% projects include the 2019 restoration of *Handsome Bollards* in Luther Burbank Park and the commission of *Island Icons*, the banner collection installed in Town Center in 2018. On Wednesday, the Arts Council will discuss 1% projects for two capital improvement program (CIP) projects. To prepare the board for these discussions, staff will provide an overview of the 1% fund and acquisition program.

Staff request that the Arts Council re-establish the Public Art Committee and identify two Arts Council members to work with staff on upcoming public art project and policy needs. The Public Art Committee will be led by Sarah Bluvas, CIP Project Manager, and meet bimonthly through 2023 to steward CIP-related public art projects, develop a recommended 1% spending plan, review existing and new public art policy drafts, and/or complete other projects as time and priority allow. The committee will ultimately be responsible for recommending public art policy items and projects to the full Arts Council for final review and endorsement. Once the committee is established, staff will follow up with committee members to schedule a kick-off meeting for early October.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive the presentation and establish a Public Art Committee to work with staff on upcoming public art project and policy needs.