



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**Item (3)
July 17, 2024
Regular Business**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	Arts Council Officer Elections	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair	

STAFF:	Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor
EXHIBITS:	N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair and present the process for the election of officers for the Mercer Island Arts Council.

BACKGROUND

The Mercer Island Arts Council [Bylaws](#) provide information on officer terms, duties, and the election process.

Chair Elizabeth Mitchell has served two terms as Chair and Vice Chair Daniel Becker has served a single term in their respective officer roles on the Arts Council. Per the bylaws, there is not a maximum term limit for these roles.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Tonight, the Arts Council will appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair utilizing the following process to elect new officers (as noted in section 3.1 of the bylaws).

The Staff Liaison shall conduct the elections for Chair as follows:

- A. Any Commissioner may nominate a candidate for Chair; no second is needed.
- B. Nominees may accept or decline the nomination.
- C. If only one (1) nomination is made, it is appropriate to make a motion and obtain a second to instruct the Staff Liaison to cast a unanimous ballot for that nomination for Chair. Approval is by majority vote of Commissioners present.
- D. If more than one (1) nomination is made, an open election is conducted by roll call vote.
- E. To be elected, the nominee needs a majority vote of the Arts Council.
- F. Elections will continue until a Chair is elected by a majority vote of the Arts Council.
- G. The Staff Liaison shall declare the nominee receiving the majority vote as the new Chair.

*This process is repeated for the election of the Vice Chair.

NEXT STEPS

Following the election of officers, the new officers will immediately assume their respective roles. The Staff Liaison will assist in the transition as desired by the newly elected Chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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