

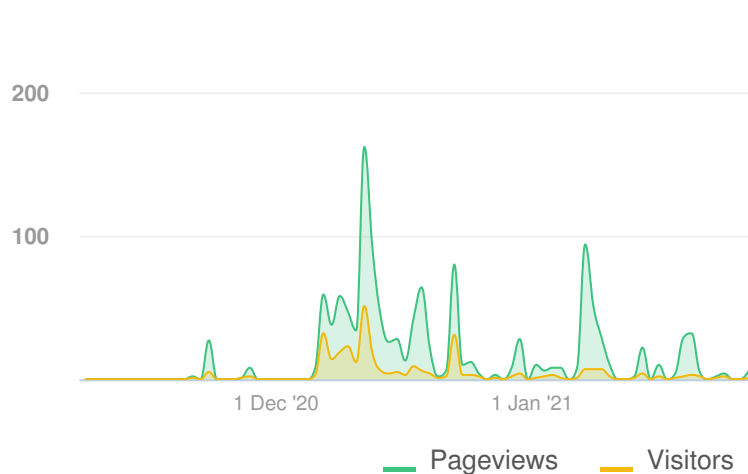
Project Report

03 August 2018 - 25 January 2021

Let's Talk Mercer Island Thrift Shop Renovation Project



Visitors Summary



Highlights

TOTAL VISITS	MAX VISITORS PER DAY	
395	51	
NEW REGISTRATIONS		
12		
ENGAGED VISITORS	INFORMED VISITORS	AWARE VISITORS
29	118	271

Aware Participants		271		Engaged Participants		29					
Aware Actions Performed		Participants		Engaged Actions Performed		Registered		Unverified		Anonymous	
Visited a Project or Tool Page		271									
Informed Participants		118		Contributed on Forums		0		0		0	
Informed Actions Performed		Participants		Participated in Surveys		0		0		0	
Viewed a video		5		Contributed to Newsfeeds		0		0		0	
Viewed a photo		0		Participated in Quick Polls		0		0		0	
Downloaded a document		13		Posted on Guestbooks		7		0		0	
Visited the Key Dates page		0		Contributed to Stories		0		0		0	
Visited an FAQ list Page		2		Asked Questions		2		0		0	
Visited Instagram Page		0		Placed Pins on Places		0		0		0	
Visited Multiple Project Pages		84		Contributed to Ideas		26		0		0	
Contributed to a tool (engaged)		29									

GUEST BOOK

General Feedback

Visitors 42	Contributors 7	CONTRIBUTIONS 7
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<div>08 December 20</div> <div>Aql1</div> <div> <div>AGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>DISAGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>REPLIES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Please NOT on any of our PRECIOUS PARKLAND. How about behind City Hall?</p>
<div>09 December 20</div> <div>LivedHereSince1986</div> <div> <div>AGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>DISAGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>REPLIES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Stop Messing With Mercerdale. Last year some special-interest group wanted to carve off a chunk for their theatre. Now a different group thinks the park needs a new thrift store intake center. It's time to say for now and forever, Mercerdale Park is off-limits to development. If you can repurpose the existing building next to Bicentennial Park then go for it. Maybe someone can figure out a way to use the existing building that sits unused 90% of the time. If using the existing building isn't possible then put a tent on the back lot by the police station. If restaurants have to seat their customers outside in a tent then we should be able to drive up to a tent to drop off a donation. Henry Hughes</p>
<div>16 December 20</div> <div>PDaugherty</div> <div> <div>AGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>DISAGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>REPLIES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>I'm a huge fan of the thrift store but oppose using public parkland as part of its expansion. If you must expand (questionable), find another location that is not public parkland perhaps behind City Hall or on school property. After all, the City is funding 90% of the school counselors costs so the least the school district could do is provide a space for a donation center. Which begs the question, why aren't schools funding the counselors? Why is our small thrift store tasked with this? We are in the midst of a pandemic that is altering the way we shop and the types of products we buy. This is not the time to be moving forward on a redesign of the thrift store when post pandemic thrift shopping may look very different. Why not put this on pause until we have a better idea about what the post-pandemic future holds.</p>
<div>28 December 20</div> <div>Rodrigo</div> <div> <div>AGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>DISAGREES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>REPLIES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Please do NOT build in Mercerdale or any other park. There is a very large lot behind City Hall. A relatively small part of that lot could be used for the Thrift Shop intake center. Due to COVID and our new future, more than ever we need additional parks for the Mercer Island residents to enjoy the outside.</p>

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General Feedback

06 January 21

AshleyHay

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Please, do not build a donation drop-off facility in beautiful Mercerdale park! Keep our parks green and full of opportunities to play, walk, run, cycle, skate, climb and gather. Modular buildings, dumpsters and a constant circulation of cars lining up to drop off their unwanted goods, is not how I would like to picture Mercerdale Park in 5 or 20 years. Let's keep our parks beautiful and fun for residents and visitors. It seems that the large parking lot of City Hall would be a better location for collecting Thrift Shop donations. Please, preserve our wonderful parks!

07 January 21

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One of the selling points that brought us to MI was the wonderful parks. I'd hate to see park space used in a way that is better suited to a commercial or industrial zone. Our focus should be on how to make parks more accessible and enjoyable for residents, not using the space for non-recreation purposes. I have to believe that there are better, non-park, locations for a new building to handle donation drop offs and off-season storage. If the idea is to collect larger items, such as furniture, then those items will need to be trucked to the store, making proximity to the store a moot point.

18 January 21

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Either 1) leave the Thrift store as-is or 2) use the Mercerdale recycling building. It's an old building and a parking lot that's off-limits to cars. If you separate the two functions and move intake to City Hall as some have suggested, you will lose donation and/or retail traffic because few will make 2 separate stops.

IDEAS

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Visitors 71	Contributors 26	CONTRIBUTIONS 70
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<div>04 December 20</div> <div>mjislandinfo</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>1</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>The property where City Hall and the City Garage are located has a lot of extra space, parking and access for trucks.</p>
<div>05 December 20</div> <div>meg.lippert</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Behind City Hall. Lots of parking, easy access from major street, away from bikers & pedestrians. MOST IMPORTANT: NOT ON PUBLIC PARKLAND</p>
<div>06 December 20</div> <div>Island Resident</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Where the school buses are (next to Crest).</p> <p>It seems that this location is perfect because it doesn't cause traffic problems and there seems to be lots of available space. As MIYFS benefits the schools - it makes sense to have the schools provide some space for the donations. This seems like a perfect win/win.</p>
<div>06 December 20</div> <div>rmoore</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>In the parking area near city hall</p> <p>The maintenance buildings are already behind city hall. Adding an intake and processing area for the Thrift Shop would be out of the way yet easily accessible by cars.</p>
<div>06 December 20</div> <div>Island Resident</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Perhaps add a 2nd donation area on the southend: near the FireStation on SE 68th.</p> <p>That way, folks could donate in two places (north end and south end).</p>

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<div>07 December 20</div> <div>Bruce Levy</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	3	0	<p>The Thrift Shop Intake Center should NOT BE LOCATED IN MERCERDALE PARK. My preferred location is behind City Hall.</p> <p>Parks should be saved for our Mercer Islanders to enjoy forever.</p>
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<div>07 December 20</div> <div>Bonnie</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	3	0	<p>Anywhere but Parkland please. Several good suggestions so far but also I see a lot of for lease signs on commercial space around the island.</p> <p>Not parkland.</p>
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<div>08 December 20</div> <div>briank</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	4	0	<p>Where it is now</p> <p>For clothing and other small items the current location is perfect. Just get rid of the berm in the parking lot to make for continuous traffic flow. For furniture and other large items, City Hall or Crest/Bus area seem fine. Under no circumstances should parts of Mercerdale Park be swallowed up. That would be sacrilege.</p>
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<div>08 December 20</div> <div>PatrickAllcorn</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	3	0	<p>Old Tully's Building</p> <p>The old Tully's location might be a good option for a donation center, though I understand it doesn't meet the 2000 sq ft desired. Easy turnaround on Sunset Hwy, plus parking on the other side for larger items. The space isn't huge, but large enough to house at least day's worth of donations, I imagine. Perhaps worth opening for Saturdays only, just to get things rolling?</p>
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<div>09 December 20</div> <div>RLewandowski</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	3	0	<p>Generally it's a bad idea to separate the donation center from the retail center. Combining functions reduces trips and idling.</p>
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<div>09 December 20</div> <div>LivedHereSince1986</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<p>Stop Messing With Mercerdale</p> <p>If you can repurpose the existing building next to Bicentennial Park then go for it. Maybe someone can figure out a way to use the existing building that sits unused 90% of the time. If using the existing building isn't possible then put a tent on the back lot by the police station. If restaurants have to seat their customers outside in a tent then we should be able to drive up to a tent to drop off a donation.</p>
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<div>09 December 20</div> <div>Randolph</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<p>Once a green space is gone, it's gone. We often forget that it takes decades for trees and fauna to grow so wildlife can flourish.</p> <p>Keep green space green. Plenty of space will be created from struggling business post covid.</p>
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<div>10 December 20</div> <div>Michelle Williams</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	3	0	<p>What about shrinking the amount of parking and expanding the building into the parking lot?</p> <p>I've rarely seen the lot full.</p>
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<div>14 December 20</div> <div>KittyO</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>Thrift Shop Donation Center should NOT BE LOCATED IN MERCERDALE PARK. My preferred drop off location is behind City Hall.</p>
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<div>15 December 20</div> <div>EastSeattle</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<p>Running two locations will be difficult and require more staff and handling of goods. Security will have to be provided in two locations</p> <p>Has there been an estimate on increase in operating costs? I am not in favor of investing in the existing very old building and not in favor of operating two sites as I believe the increased operating costs will exceed the increased revenue. It will take much more management time to manage more employees and two sites. I would think sales are more based on the number of customers-and there may be fewer customers if the drop-off is located elsewhere. I know the only time I "shop" is when I "drop".</p>
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<div>17 December 20</div> <div>Frank Schott</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<p>CBD May Make The Most Sense</p> <p>Consider moving all of the Thrift Store to a location in the CBD where it can co-exist with other businesses. This will address the issues with the current location and those that advocate for the Park. My sense is that the CBD will have some vacancies very shortly. Why not put out an RFP to see what kind of offers you get? And then if the City can do anything to sweeten the deal for a developer/owner that would be a bonus. Several lightly used, large retail spaces with parking and loading/receiving areas exist today. Who knows how much longer those tenants will stay in those locations?</p>
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<div>20 December 20</div> <div>Alex B.</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<p>Keep donation and retail center at the same location</p> <p>.</p> <p>Separating the retail and donation processing spaces will cost more for staffing and building maintenance, and the cost to truck goods to the store from the processing site will further cut into the store's margins. While I do think that the retail space in the store should be expanded, I am unsure whether a larger retail space will necessarily translate into significantly higher store revenue. Requiring trucks to shuttle goods from an offsite donation processing center to the thrift store is unwise from an environmental standpoint. It will increase traffic along with noise and air pollution around Mercerdale Park, especially if the recycling center is used as the processing center. Currently some customers only go shopping at the thrift store after having just donated an item. By separating out the donation from the retail space, there is a risk that these potential customers will be lost since they would have to go out of their way to check out the retail space. I think the old recycling center would however be a good location to store large seasonal items.</p>
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<div>28 December 20</div> <div>seattlebarb</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>Since it is so expensive to build, why not remove the playground area and add on to the thrift store. Build new playground where recycling</p> <p>new playground where recycling center was</p>
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<div>28 December 20</div> <div>struckmi</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>The one site that has consistently graded out the best is located behind City Hall.</p> <p>It has ample space and parking, mitigates traffic congestion, is tucked away from other activities, and allows for future expansion.</p>
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<div>31 December 20</div> <div>swedenchong</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>Should NOT BE LOCATED IN MERCERDALE PARK. There are many other locations suggested by others that meet the requirements.</p> <p>Preserve and expand Mercerdale Park - not diminish it.</p>
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<div>18 January 21</div> <div>SEM</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<div>Mercerdale recycling shelter or expand Thrift store footprint.</div>
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<div>18 January 21</div> <div>Rory Westberg</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td><td>UNVOTES</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<div>Put the receiving and sorting center behind City Hall where there is ample room and better traffic flow.</div> <p>It's tempting to see the old recycling center as an ideal location because of its proximity to the Thrift Shop. However, anyone who used the old recycling center when it was open knows that the traffic flow was awkward at best, the area was generally messy. We don't need that function in our only downtown park.</p>
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