



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5919
July 20, 2021
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5919: Volunteer Recognition Event Appropriation Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Appropriate \$5,000 from the General Fund to develop and implement a Volunteer Recognition Event.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Deb Estrada, City Clerk, & Ryan Daly, Operations Transition Team Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	n/a
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ 5,000
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 0.00
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 5,000

SUMMARY

This is a \$5,000 appropriation request to support a volunteer recognition event on Thursday, September 2, at Mercerdale Park. This volunteer recognition event will be part of the Mostly Music in the Park event, scheduled to occur on the same night.

BACKGROUND

During the Pandemic, more than 150 volunteers stepped up, embraced virtual challenges and distancing requirements, and set a shining example of what volunteerism means. These volunteers made a difference in the Mercer Island community by supporting emergency response needs, such as staffing vaccine sites, the Mercer Island Cooling Center, and multiple mask giveaway events; sustaining limited Thrift Shop operations; and continuing the crucial work of the boards and commissions.

The 2021-2022 Biennial Budget did not include resources for a volunteer recognition event, primarily due to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 Pandemic and budget limitations. This one-time appropriation will support a modest volunteer event in 2021. Staff will evaluate volunteer recognition resource needs for 2022 and prepare a recommendation for City Council consideration as part of the Mid-Biennial Budget update, scheduled for this fall.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT 2021

This appropriation will be used to recognize and celebrate the great work of the City of Mercer Island volunteers and board and commission members at the September 2 Mostly Music in the Park event. Preliminary planning includes a VIP tent, light snacks and refreshments, and small mementos. There will be a short presentation honoring the volunteers.

This event will also serve as an opportunity to promote volunteerism and share the many ways community members can become involved in City programs and activities. The City Council will consider a proclamation honoring the City's volunteers at the August 31 City Council meeting. Additional communication and engagement are planned leading up to and following this event.

RECOMMENDATION

Appropriate \$5,000 from the 2020 General Fund Surplus to develop and implement a volunteer recognition event on Thursday, September 2, at Mercerdale Park.