



ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 3
October 25, 2023
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM 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"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair	

STAFF:	Katie Herzog - Recreation Supervisor
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Ted Weinberg
EXHIBITS:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to present the process for the election of officers for the Mercer Island Arts Council.

BACKGROUND

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

Per the bylaws, the term of office for Chair and Vice Chair is one year with the possibility of re-election. Each officer may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The election of officers takes place annually in July. Due to the Arts Council July meeting cancelation, elections will take place at the October 25, 2023 meeting.

DISCUSSION/PROCESS

Tonight, the Arts Council will elect a Chair and Vice Chair by utilizing the following process to elect new officers:

- Place motion to elect Chair and Vice Chair on the agenda.
- Take nominations for the position of Chair from the floor.
- Nominations do not require a second vote.
- If no further nominations, the Chair declares nominations closed.
- Voting takes place in the order nominations are made.
- If there is only one nomination, board members will vote on that nomination by a voice vote.
- If there is more than one nomination, each will be voted on separately by a roll-call vote of the members present.
- Once a nominee receives a simple majority vote, the nominee is declared elected to the position.
- If none of the nominees receive a majority vote, nominations are requested again, and the process is repeated until a candidate receives a majority vote.
- The process is repeated for 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

Appoint Chair and Vice Chair.