



LBWI Art in Public Places Recommendation

Mercer Island Arts Council | October 25, 2023



Agenda

- A. Project Background + Overview
- B. Public Art Committee Input
- C. Presentation of Design Package
- D. Arts Council Discussion + Action

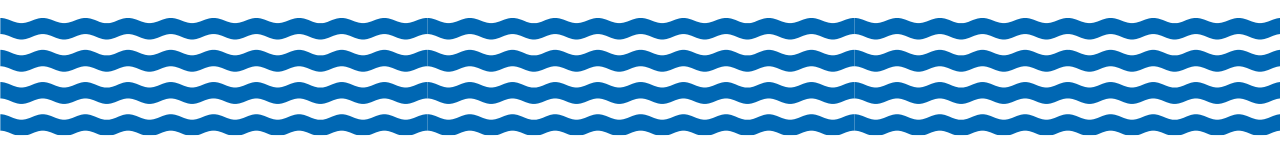
Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements (LBWI)

- Began project design in 2020
- 90% design begins May 2023
- Comprehensive project includes:
 - New accessible floating docks and renovated fixed pier dock
 - Accessible features such as expanded cobble beach with ramp and beach mats and new overwater stairs
 - New plaza paving including permeable pavers and a Silva Cell biofiltration array
 - New furnishings, landscaping, informational/interpretive signage, and integrated art elements

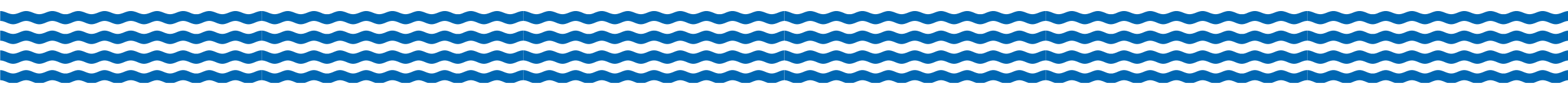


Art in Public Places (AIPP) Program

- City's program to acquire and care for public art assets.
- Projects are funded by the 1% for Art in Public Places Fund (1%).
- 1% of total project costs of qualifying capital improvement projects transferred to 1%.
- Arts Council recommends projects to City Council for approval.
- LBWI project will contribute estimated \$60k-\$70k to 1%.



LBWI AIPP Project Timeline

- **September 14, 2021:** Arts Council provided input for locations and preferred themes for integrating public art into LBWI design.
 - **September 14, 2022:** Arts Council received update on the LBWI design process and reestablished the Public Art Committee to steward the artist selection process; Daniel Becker & Suzanne Skone were appointed to the committee.
 - **January 18, 2023:** Arts Council endorsed Request for Proposals (RFP) and Artist Selection Panel (ASP) for selection process.
 - **January 19-April 3, 2023:** Artist Selection Process chaired by Daniel Becker.
 - **April 19, 2023:** Arts Council voted to recommend Marsha Rollinger for LBWI AIPP to City Council.
 - **May 16, 2023:** City Council accepted recommendation and appropriated \$50,000 for Phase 1.
 - **May-October 2023:** Site meetings, research, community engagement, artwork development.
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Arts Council Decision #1: *Mercer Island Medallions*

Tonight, staff, the artist, and the Public Art Committee request the full Arts Council recommend to the City Council to:

- Accept the designs for the *Mercer Island Medallions* as presented; and
- Appropriate 1% funds to complete fabrication and installation of the medallions during construction of the LBWI capital project.

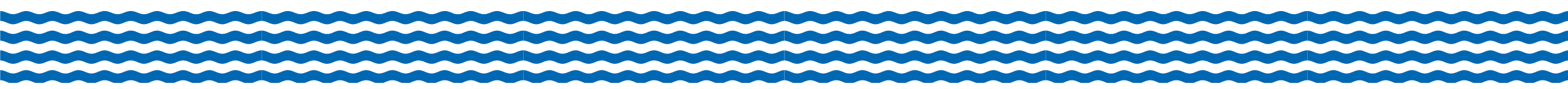
Mercer Island Medallions Phase 2 Budget Request

Project Element + Details	Budget
Fabrication: 12 bronze medallions	\$63,000
Installation: Coordination with paving installer + City	\$2,000
Documentation: Professional photos and video for City/artist use	\$1,500
Contingency: Covers unforeseen costs and price increases	\$2,500

TOTAL: \$69,000

Estimated 1% Contribution from LBWI Capital Project

\$75,000





Arts Council Decision #2: Additional Art Elements

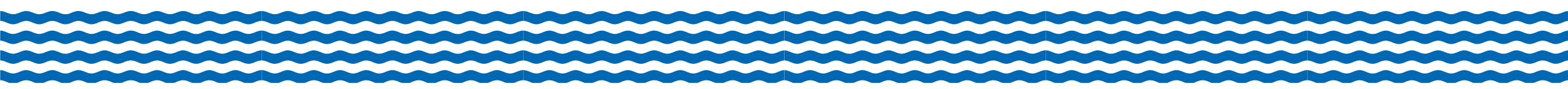
- The artist will also present designs for three additional art elements that could be created for the waterfront.
- If the Arts Council desires, they may recommend that the City Council also accept any/all these art elements and appropriate additional dollars from the 1% fund.
- Process to determine whether to add these elements will be a thumbs up / thumbs down for each item.

Additional Art Elements Project Budgets

Light Pole Fixture	Budget
Fabrication (salmon, kingfisher, OR woodpecker piece)	\$1,000-\$3,600
Installation	\$2,000

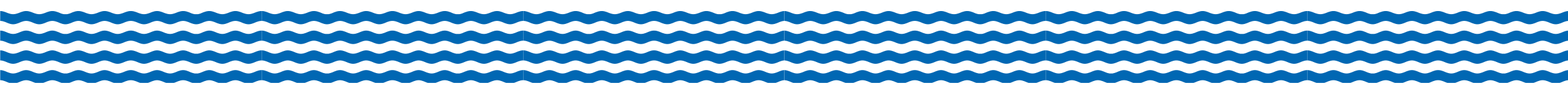
Vinyl Building Decals	Budget
Fabrication (salmon, kingfisher, OR woodpecker piece)	\$1,000-\$3,600
Installation	\$2,000

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Process for Additional Art Elements

- Thumbs up / thumbs down whether to add each element to the project
 - Phase 1: Design development (during 90% Design phase in summer 2023)
 - Phase 2: Fabrication/installation (during LBWI Construction in 2024/2025)
- Staff previously recommended appropriating funds from the existing 1% reserve to support Phase 1. **The current fund balance is \$170,936.**
- We are still refining Phase 1 budget needs with the artist and Anchor QEA and request that the Arts Council recommend appropriating **up to \$50,000** to fund Phase 1.
- The Phase 1 budget will be finalized with real numbers for the May 16th City Council agenda packet/appropriation request.



Recommended Actions + Next Steps

- Recommend that City Council award the Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements Art in Public Places project to Marsha Rollinger.
- Additionally, endorse staff's plan to request up to \$50,000 from the 1% for Art in Public Places Fund to develop the public art project in consultation with Anchor QEA. **The exact budget request will be refined during budget discussions with Rollinger and Anchor QEA prior to May 16.**

If approved by the Arts Council, the artist selection recommendation and budget request will be transmitted to City Council on May 16, 2023.

