



2024 Public Art Restorations

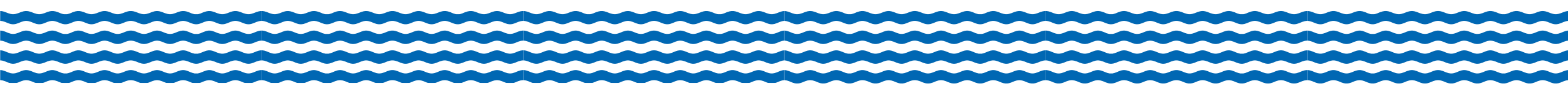
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Agenda

- Overview of 2024 Public Art Maintenance Program
- 2024 Restoration Needs
- Discussion
- Next Steps

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Detail of *Birds in Flight* by Sandy Glass and José Orantes
Acquired 2016; Luther Burbank Park Playground AIPP



Glossary of Terms

- **1% for Art in Public Places Fund (1% Fund):** Revenue source for works of art acquired for the public art collection. (Also referred to as “1% for the arts”)
- **Art in Public Places (AIPP):** Program funded by 1% Fund. MICC defines as “any expression of visual works of art available to the public in an open city-owned facility in areas of designated public areas, or on non-city-owned property if the work of art is installed or financed, either in whole or in part, by the City.”
- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP):** Funds the acquisition, expansion, and rehabilitation of City land, buildings, and other major infrastructure. Developed on a biennial basis but planned over six years.
- **Capital Improvement Project:** Design and construction projects funded by the City as part of the CIP; specific types of capital projects contribute to the 1% Fund and may include AIPP projects using associated 1% Fund dollars.
- **Public Art Collection:** Artwork owned by the City of Mercer Island; includes works of art commissioned by or otherwise acquired by the City as well as works donated to the collection.
- **Public Art Maintenance:** Annual, routine maintenance funded by 1% Fund to care for the existing public art collection.



***Playful Pup* by Gary Lee Price**
2022 Public Art Maintenance

Public Art Maintenance

- MICC 4.40.200 allows for 1% Fund to be used for caring for/maintaining the existing public art collection.
- Each year, \$15,000 is appropriated to support maintenance needs.
- Annual needs generally include:
 - Cleaning
 - Waxing
 - Sealing
 - Minor repainting
 - Weeding and other vegetation management
 - Installing new signage

Public Art Restorations

- Occasionally, more robust restoration is required to maintain existing artwork.
- This work can often be funded using the annual \$15k appropriation.
- Recent restorations covered by the annual appropriation include:
 - 2019: *Handsome Bollards* by Tom Jay
 - 2022: *Fire Flower* by Gizel Berman*
 - 2023: *Now We Are One* by Philip Levine; *Island Poles* by Steve Jensen

*Restoration a result of vandalism/attempted theft; City reimbursed by insurance.



Detail of Base Repair for *Now We Are One* by Philip Levine
Acquired 2003; transfer from King County



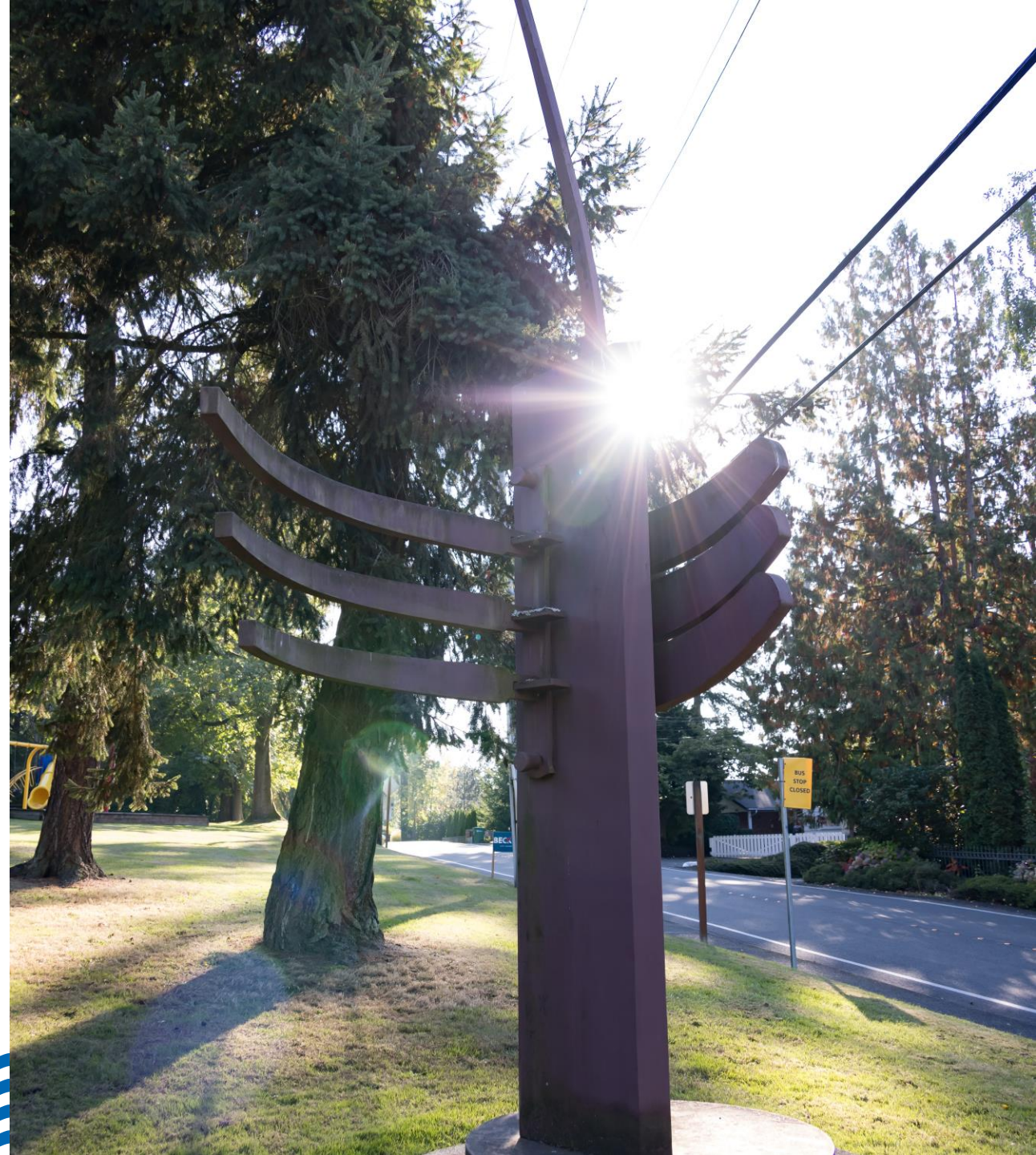
***Cyclermates* by Robin DeVries**
Acquired 2017; Donated to the City

Public Art Maintenance Commitments

- Annual public art maintenance contract (nine works + on-call services in 2024).
- Storage of *Fire Flower* and *Now We Are One*, which are awaiting reinstallation.
- Support of restoration of *Four Seasons* by Maria Frank Abrams in collaboration with 4Culture.
- Annual STQRY digital engagement platform.

Totem Restoration

- Artist: Bernard Hosey
- Location: Roanoke Park
- Acquisition: Donated to the City in 1984 by MIVAL
- Assessed in 2023 by Alloy Arts; found significant corrosion, paint loss, and rust.
- Staff wish to restore the piece before the new playground opens in 2024.
 - Anticipated 1% contribution = \$3k to \$4k
- Cost: \$8,018



Mosaic Murals Restoration

- Artists: Sandy Glass and José Orantes with Mercer Island students and volunteers
- Location: Luther Burbank Park playground
- Acquisition: 2016 via Luther Burbank Park Playground AIPP
- Repairs needed for all four mosaics.
- Work will be completed both on-site and off-site at the artists' studio.
- Cost: \$9,859



1% Fund Status

Available Funds

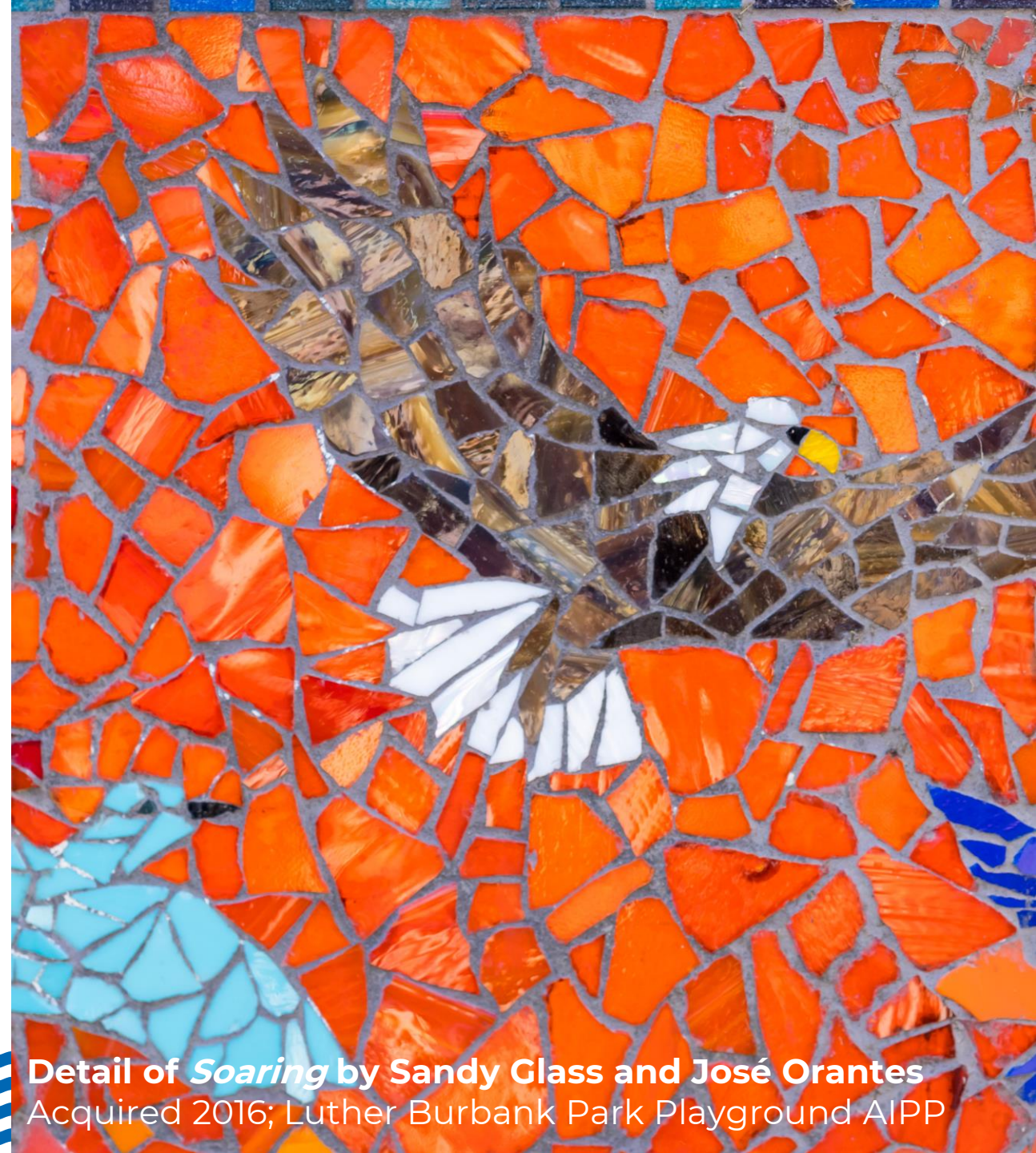
- Current Fund Balance = \$195,936
- 2024 Completed/Anticipated Appropriations
 - Annual public art maintenance = \$15,000
 - LBP Waterfront Improvements AIPP (*Mercer Island Medallions*) = \$89,390
- Leftover balance available for appropriation = **\$91,546**

Known Contributions from 2024 CIP

- Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements
- Roanoke Park and First Hill Park Playground Replacements
- Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvements
- Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation (Pickleball)
- Various Streets improvement projects

Recommended Action + Next Steps

- Recommend that City Council appropriate \$20,000 from the 1% Fund to support restoration of *Totem* and the Mosaic Murals + small contingency
- Arts Council recommendation will be transmitted to City Council on May 7.
- Staff will contract with Alloy Arts and Sandy Glass once appropriation is approved.
- Updates will be provided at future Arts Council meetings.



Detail of *Soaring* by Sandy Glass and José Orantes
Acquired 2016; Luther Burbank Park Playground AIPP

Discussion



Darwin's Dream by Rachel Holloway
Acquired 2018

