



AC 25-02

6-Year Art in Public Places Workplan

Arts Council Special Hybrid Meeting
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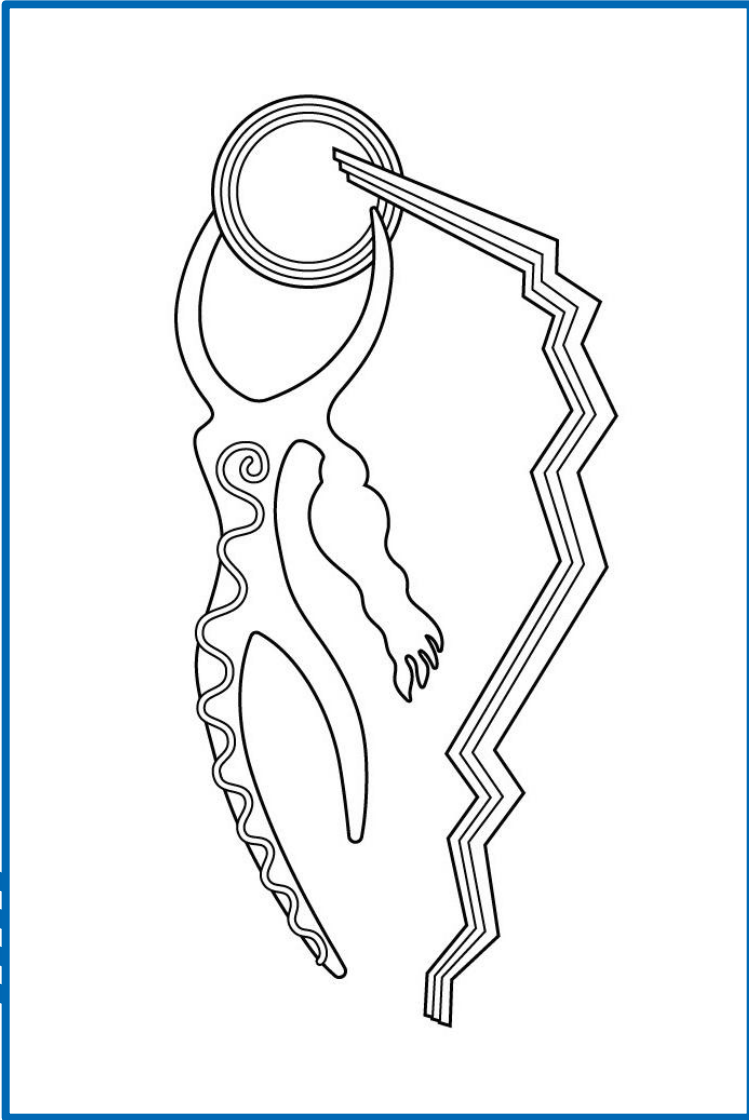


Illustration of *Gift of Reflection* by David Govedare
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Tonight's Agenda

1. Provide final feedback on Plan materials:
 - Updated 6-Year Workplan for Art in Public Places
 - Updated Project Opportunities List
 - Updated Guidelines for Administering the Mercer Island Public Art Program
2. Discuss next steps for approving the Plan

Summary of Edits to Draft Plan (Exhibit 2)

- Added a Table of Contents
- Project Opportunities section
 - Re-named exiting sub-headers to Developing the Project Opportunities List and Identifying Project Opportunities
 - Added new 2025-2030 Project Opportunities List sub-header and sub-section
- Funding section
 - Moved the 1% Fund tracking info to a new Appendix B
 - Added current 1% Fund balance as of January 1, 2025

Summary of Edits to Draft Plan (Exhibit 2)

- Added language to clarify how the Project Opportunities List will be developed in future plan iterations to the Revising the 6-Year Workplan section
- Moved Terms & Definitions and Public Art Project Types to new Appendices F & G

Reformatted Project Opportunities List (Exhibit 3)

New format combines elements of two previously shared docs:

1. Carries over the running Project Opportunities List that will be maintained and updated as new project ideas are submitted
2. Incorporates a prioritization element previously achieved by the Public Art Project Timeline

This format **replaces** the previous documents with a simpler, more streamlined Project Opportunities List.

Appendix A. Project Opportunities List

	Project Opportunity	Summary	Public Art Pillars	1% Fund	2025-2030 CIP	Park Master Plan
HIGH	Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery Activation Plan	Develop a phased plan implementing improvements at the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery, including temporary arts activations, curation of existing artwork, enhancements to park areas, etc.	Place Connection Longevity	Eligible	2027-2028	Aubrey Davis Park (2019)
HIGH	Deane's Children's Park AIPP	Visioning process to redesign the Deane's Children's Park Playground begins in 2025, and construction is planned for 2026-2027. The redesign offers nature-themed art integration opportunities, including potential for building off <i>Kenton's Dragon</i> by Kenton Pies, the popular dragon sculpture/play structure at the park.	Aesthetic Place Connection Longevity	Eligible	2025-2026	N/A
HIGH	Public Art Installation at Mercer Island Transit Interchange	Explore opportunities for enhancing the roundabout at 77 th Avenue SE and North Mercer Way.	Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	N/A
HIGH	<i>The Source</i> Restoration	Restore <i>The Source</i> by John Hoge in preparation for the 50 th anniversary of this earthwork.	Aesthetic Place Longevity	Eligible	2029-2030	Luther Burbank Park (2006)
MEDIUM	Mural Collaboration with Mercer Island High School	Produce a community mural with Mercer Island High School (MIHS) students.	Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	N/A
MEDIUM	New City Facility AIPP	Early design is underway to construct a new Public Safety and Maintenance Building, and this project will generate a significant 1% Fund contribution. Funding, timing for construction, and other elements are still unknown.	Aesthetic Place	Eligible	N/A	N/A
MEDIUM	Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Mural	Add artistic designs and/or mural(s) to the bare walls inside the newly renovated sport courts facility at Luther Burbank Park.	Aesthetic Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	Luther Burbank Park (2006)
MEDIUM	Luther Burbank Park Amphitheater Renovations	Design and implement renovations of the 50+ year-old facility to better serve future performances and audiences.	Aesthetic Place Connection Longevity	Ineligible	N/A	Luther Burbank Park (2006)
MEDIUM	Mural at Aubrey Davis Park Basketball Courts	Partner with the community to implement a new mural in Aubrey Davis Park. Project could be a collaboration between the City, local artists, students, park neighbors, and others.	Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	Aubrey Davis Park (2019)
MEDIUM	Historic Downtown Public Art Installation	Highlight historic downtown street names and other Mercer Island history in a project that replaces the <i>Street Name Inlays</i> public art installation deaccessioned in 2025.	Aesthetic Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	N/A
MEDIUM	Refresh the Town Center Public Art Banners	Replace <i>Island Icons</i> (2018) installed on Town Center light poles with new banners, artistic signage, or other art element.	Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	N/A

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MEDIUM	Luther Burbank Park Boiler Building Phase 2 AIPP	Create a “signature entrance” from the Luther Burbank Park Administrative Building to the Waterfront as part of phase 2 of renovations to the Boiler Building.	Place Connection	Eligible	2028, 2030	Luther Burbank Park (2006)
MEDIUM	Community Artmaking Project	Collaborate with the community to develop and implement a small-scale, permanent public art installation.	Aesthetic Connection	Eligible	N/A	N/A
LOW	Outdoor Gallery Golf	Activate the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery with pop-up mini golf holes designed by an artist and/or inspired by artworks in the public art collection.	Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	Aubrey Davis Park (2019)
LOW	Costume / Stage Design Sponsorships for Live Performance	Sponsor costume, set, and/or other visual design elements for live performances.	Aesthetic Connection	Ineligible	N/A	N/A
LOW	Natural Resources + Public Art Collaboration	Develop a permanent public art project in connection with the City’s Forest Stewards program.	Aesthetic Place Connection	Eligible	N/A	N/A
LOW	Town Center Art Elements	Implement low-cost visual art elements to beautify Mercer Island Town Center. Examples include vinyl wraps for utility boxes and signs for local businesses.	Aesthetic Place	Eligible	N/A	N/A

Does the Arts Council support adding this project idea?

Summary of Edits to Draft Guidelines (Exhibit 4)

- Added language in the Overview to clarify the procedure for evaluating submittals will be used for any request deemed public art, including requests for donation
- Evaluation Submittals for Artist/Artwork Selection
 - Clarified procedure will be used for any request deemed public art, including donation requests
 - Removed General Resident from list of individuals on Selection Panel
 - Added language about project-specific milestones for Implementation
- Deaccessioning Public Art
 - Added language about seeking community member and/or other input to inform deaccession recommendations



Prairie of Possibilities

Temporary public art exhibit by the Moonlight Collective

Potential Recommendations

- Recommend that the Plan be finalized and transmitted to the City Council for adoption.
- Request that City staff bring the final Plan document back on April 30 for recommendation.

Final Steps in the Public Art Planning Process

