



ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 7
September 14, 2021
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	2021 Arts Council Regular Meeting Schedule Changes	<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:	Cancel the October Regular Meeting of the Arts Council.	

STAFF:	Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator Ryan Daly, Operations Transition Team Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Salim Nice
EXHIBITS:	n/a

SUMMARY

In lieu of holding an October Regular Meeting, staff recommend focusing Arts Council member time and staff resources on the completion outstanding Immediate Action Plan items and onboarding new members. Staff encourage the prioritization of time previously dedicated to the preparation and participation at the October Regular Meeting to be focused on Arts Council working group work, review and participation in the PROS Plan process, and review and feedback on the 2022 Arts Council Work Plan.

As COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations rise, the City Manager has elevated the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Level 2. This elevation will require additional staffing time to be dedicated to the overall City response. Staff members Ryan Daly (Operations Transition Team Manager) and Sarah Bluvas (Economic Development Coordinator) hold critical positions within the EOC as Operations Section Chief and Small Business Liaison.

Staff resources through the end of the year will remain focused on completion of the following Immediate Action Plan items:

- Coordination and reopening of the Mercer Island Art Gallery at MICEC, when possible.
- Implementation of *The Prairie of Possibilities* interactive temporary art installation.
- Finalizing development of the 2022 City Arts Work Plan and resource needs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move to authorize staff to cancel the October Regular Meeting of the Arts Council.