



ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 2
April 20, 2022
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

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| TITLE: | Mercer Island Arts Summit | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only |
| RECOMMENDED ACTION: | Select a date for the 2022 Mercer Island Arts Summit and endorse proposed event outline. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| STAFF: | Ryan Daly, Recreation Manager | |
| COUNCIL LIAISON: | Salim Nice | |
| EXHIBITS: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2022 City Arts and Culture Work Plan2. Proposed Event Outline | |

SUMMARY

On November 10, 2021, the Arts Council endorsed the 2022 City Arts and Culture Work Plan (Exhibit 1), which includes the following priority and goal:

PRIORITY 3. GARNER COMMUNITY INPUT ON AND SUPPORT OF CITY ARTS AND CULTURE.

3.2 Convene Mercer Island arts and culture groups, artists, creative businesses, and other community organizations to discuss needs, identify gaps in program delivery, and recommend ways to increase collaboration in the local arts and culture ecosystem. Use outcomes to define the role the City will play in that ecosystem as part of the 2023-2024 City Arts Workplan.

Chair Mitchell appointed a committee to work with staff to develop a plan for this goal, and this group met on March 21, 2022, to discuss goals and logistics for a “summit-style” convening to take place in Q2 of this year. Following that meeting, staff developed a brief outline articulating the goals and general logistics for the 2022 Arts Summit (Exhibit 2).

DISCUSSION NEEDS + NEXT STEPS

On Wednesday night, staff seek confirmation of the goals and general event outline. Additionally, staff request that the Arts Council select an event date from the following open dates: May 23, May 24, or May 26. After receiving the board’s endorsement of the goals and event date, staff and the committee will meet to finalize the event logistics, discussion questions, and data collection methods. Staff will also connect with PRR Biz, the consulting firm assisting the City with public meetings and presentations, to finalize the event format, including incorporating virtual polling, whiteboard exercises, and/or breakout rooms. Staff anticipate beginning to promote the 2022 Arts Summit by the first week of May 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to: Select a date for the 2022 Mercer Island Arts Summit and endorse the proposed event outline as presented (or amended).