



ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 3
April 20, 2022
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	City Arts Policy and Procedure Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive staff report.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
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EXHIBITS:	n/a	

SUMMARY

Following the January 19, 2022, meeting of the Arts Council, a committee was formed to provide input and review of staff coordinated policy updates identified as Priority 4 of the City Arts and Culture Work Plan (shown below).

PRIORITY 4. ADDRESS CITY ARTS POLICY AND PROCEDURE NEEDS.

4.1 Review, update, and/or develop policies and procedures as prioritized in the timeline provided in Appendix A (of the Arts & Culture Workplan).

The established committee will be tasked with assisting staff in reviewing, developing, and adjusting various policies for recommendation to the full Arts Council. The selected committee members are Rosemary Moore, Anumeha, and Suzanne Skone. This committee has not yet met.

Staff awaits the conclusion of the upcoming Arts Summit, which will solicit needs and priorities for community members regarding the City's arts and culture programs, to then inform applicable policy work. (See Priority 3, 3.2 below)

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.

The recent addition of resources and staff support for this work, along with data and input received at the Summit, will help begin these improvements. It is expected the subcommittee will meet in early May.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive staff report.