



# ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 4  
January 19, 2022  
Regular Business

## AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	Prairie of Possibilities- Debrief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Receive presentation	

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<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	

## SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to introduce an overview presentation of staff’s analysis of *The Prairie of Possibilities*. This temporary art installation and experience took place at Mercerdale Park from November 3 – November 8, 2021.

### Background

In 2021 The Arts Council was directly solicited by a group called The Moonlight Collective, whose founder and “Chief Visionary” James Gwertzman is a Mercer Island resident, to help fund and produce a temporary, animated fiber optic light and sound display and experience.

At the [July 14, 2021](#) Arts Council regular meeting, Mr. Gwertzman presented a summary of a proposed temporary art installation and event to be held at Mercerdale Park. Following the [presentation](#), the Arts Council recommended altering the Immediate Action Plan (which was the 2021 Arts & Culture Work Plan) to accommodate this project.

The Arts Council directed staff to:

- Pursue *The Prairie of Possibilities* as part of the 2021 Community Arts Project;
- Direct staff to negotiate a final project scope with The Moonlight Collective; and
- Utilize 4Culture Sustained Support funds to support this project.

### Tonight’s Presentation

The Arts Council has previously shared a desire to establish policies and procedures that allow for the ability to be flexible in recognizing and adapting to offer future temporary art installations and event opportunities.

Staff endeavor to provide this review to help inform on future policies and process to be discussed by the Arts Council.

Tonight, staff will provide a high-level overview of this project. The presentation will focus primarily on the process for delivering this specific installation including successes and challenges and will identify areas of potential improvement.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive presentation