



ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 2
January 19, 2022
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Mercer Island Arts Summit	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive Presentation, establish subcommittee.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
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EXHIBITS:	1. 2022 City Arts and Culture Work Plan	

SUMMARY

The 2022 City Arts and Culture Work Plan (Exhibit 1) includes four (4) priorities and was endorsed by the Mercer Island Arts Council at the Nov. 10, 2021, Regular Meeting. Tonight, the Arts Council will discuss and provide input on desired outcomes for Priority 3.2 (shown below), which staff envisions to be a “summit style” community forum to taking place in early Q2.

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.

Key questions for tonight’s discussion:

1. Is the Arts Council supportive of moving forward with this engagement opportunity?
2. What information does the Arts Council hope to receive to inform future recommendations on the City’s role relative to arts and culture on Mercer Island?

Staff request that a committee of the Arts Council be created and that the Chair solicit interest from and assign board members to the committee. This committee is expected to meet with staff 2-3 times over the next three (3) months, providing input and discussion to assist in the development of this community engagement opportunity.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to: Recommend a committee of the Arts Council be established to provide input and review of a staff coordinated public engagement opportunity specific to Priority 3.2 of the City Arts and Culture Work Plan.