

2022 City Arts and Culture Work Plan

PRIORITY 1. STABILIZE ARTS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, VOLUNTEERSHIP, AND OPERATIONS.

1.1 Maintain a full and engaged Arts Council membership.

1.2 Review, update, and/or develop Arts Council board operating procedures to facilitate efficient meetings, communications, recruitment, and participation.

1.3 Strengthen the Arts Council's connections with City Council, other City boards and commissions, and City staff.

PRIORITY 2. DEVELOP 2023-2024 CITY ARTS AND CULTURE WORK PLAN.

2.1 Articulate City arts and culture priorities, workplan items, metrics of success, and resourcing needs for 2023-2024 biennium budget.

2.2 Evaluate, update, and/or retire pre-Pandemic City arts programs to align with 2023-2024 City arts priorities (as defined by work completed for 2.1). Where relevant, leverage existing survey and other data collected by the Recreation team and other City sources to make programming decisions.

2.3 Clearly define the roles & responsibilities of staff in delivering City arts work and articulate the necessary resources in the work plan.

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

3.1 Deliver performing arts, visual arts, and other City arts and culture programs to the community.

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.

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.

Appendix A: City Arts Policy & Procedure Needs - Prioritized by Year

City Arts Policy & Planning Development						
Policy / Planning Needs		Timeline		2022	2023	2024
Arts Council Operations						
Item	Annual Bylaws Review	2022	2024			
Public Art						
Item	1% for Art in Public Places Ordinance	2023	2023			
Item	6-Year Spending Plan for 1% for Art in Public Places fund	2022	2023			
Item	Guidelines for Acquisition (Permanent & Temporary Installations)	2022	2022			
Item	Vision / Approach for Public Art Interpretation & Engagement	2023	2023			
Item	Deaccession Policy	2023	2023			
Item	Donation Policy	2022	2022			
Galleries						
Item	Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery (GHOSG) Vision / Strategic Plan	2023	2024			
Item	Mercer Island Gallery (MI Gallery) Goals	2022	2022			
Programs / Events						
Item	Goals for City Arts Programs / Events	2022	2022			
Arts & Culture Plan						
Item	Comp Plan Integration	2023	2024			
Other						
Item	Community Arts Support Policy - Financial (grant program / sponsorships) and Non-financial (marketing)	2023	2024			
City Arts Procedure & Process Development						
Procedure / Process Needs		Timeline		2022	2023	2024
Arts Council Operations						
Item	Committee Structure / Pipeline	2022	2022			
Item	Board Recruitment	2022	2022			
Public Art						
Item	Temporary Art Installations - Process for Soliciting & Implementing Projects	2023	2023			
Item	Art in Private Development - Process Coordination with Design and Planning Commissions	2024	2024			
Galleries						
Item	GHOSG Exhibit Process	2023	2023			
Item	GHOSG Agreements	2022	2022			
Item	MI Gallery Exhibit Process	2022	2022			
Item	MI Gallery Partnerships	2022	2022			
Programs / Events						
Item	New Program / Project Proposal Process	2022	2022			
Other						
Item	Community Arts Support Application	2024	2024			
Public Art Operations Needs						
Public Art Needs		Timeline		2022	2023	2024
Maintenance + Conservation						
Item	One-off repair / conservation of severely damaged public art	2022	2022			
Item	Routine / ongoing public art maintenance	2022	2024			
Item	Improve public safety and security (lighting, etc.)	2022	2023			

Item	Deaccess artworks	2023	2023			
1% for Art in Public Places Fund						
Item	CIP project coordination (to inform 6-year spending plan)	2022	2024			
Item	Track 1% revenue and expenditures	2022	2024			
Interpretation						
Item	Update signage	2024	2024			
Item	Update digital platforms - STQRY, Public Art Story Map, Let's Talk / City website	2022	2024			
Community Input						
Item	Process for soliciting community ideas and engaging community partners in projects (to enhance Acquisition Guidelines and pipeline for 6-year spending plan)	2023	2023			
Other Funding Resources						
Item	Explore opportunities for external contributions (grants, donations, etc.) and regional partnerships (to inform 6-year spending plan)	2024	2024			