



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Item 4  
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Regular Business

### AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	Update on 2021 ARPA Deferred Parks Maintenance Project	<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>	1. 2021 ARPA deferred parks maintenance

### SUMMARY

#### BACKGROUND

In 2020, as a result of the Covid-19 Global Pandemic, Parks Maintenance faced a reduction in staff that resulted in providing only essential maintenance of park properties. This led to a backlog of maintenance work particularly for City owned planter beds around the Mercer Island. In 2021 the Mercer Island City Council granted an appropriation of \$200,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds to be used towards parks deferred maintenance. Areas were divided up into six regions: Aubrey Davis West, Aubrey Davis East, Aubrey Davis Town Center, Aubrey Davis East, North Island Parks and South Island Parks totaling 18.3 acres. Staff assessed many of the planter bed areas around Mercer Island and compiled a scope of work.

#### SUMMARY OF WORK

Starting in July of 2021 a combination of City crews and two contractor crews began work in these areas. The specific tasks completed included: edging, trimming grass, pruning trees and shrubs, mulching, trail brushing, invasive species removal, and removal of dead trees and shrubs. Of the 18.3-acre total work area, crews have initiated work in 10.9 acres. Within the 10.9 acres staff has to-date impacted, 7.4 acres of that work has been deemed completed. While work was done in all the park regions, particular focus was made in Aubrey Davis Park around the Town Center, Art Park and I-90 overpasses. The total expense for this project in 2021 was \$120,847. This amount included contractor labor, as well as over 600 hours of labor from Parks and Public Works crews.

#### NEXT STEPS

Crews are continuing this work in 2022 with remaining ARPA funds. After all planter beds are returned to a manageable level, additional assessment will occur to address irrigation repairs and new plant installations. Ongoing maintenance of these areas will be carried out as part of the Parks Maintenance annual work plan.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive presentation of the 2021 ARPA Deferred Parks Maintenance