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## Arts Council February 10, 2021 Arts Reset

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To: Arts Council

From: Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator; Emily Moon, consultant

Date: February 10, 2021

Tonight's meeting will include a brief status update on the Arts portion of the Recreation, Mercer Island Community and Event Center, and Arts Reset project. As was described in the January 13<sup>th</sup> Arts Council meeting materials and the January 28<sup>th</sup> Arts Council workshop, the purpose of the Reset project is to develop recommendations for City Council's consideration regarding the future delivery of Arts Council services. Arts Council services and programs were suspended during the pandemic and following citywide budget and staffing reductions.

The Reset Plan will be responsive to two different timeframes and contexts:

- An Immediate Action Plan will describe a few actions the Arts Council wishes to take in 2021 that are feasible, consider the uncertainties and limits of the pandemic, are consistent with existing Arts Council goals, and are responsive to current needs.
- A longer-term action plan that describes which prioritized goals and efforts the Arts Council wishes to advance (post-pandemic) and what resources will be needed to implement these actions in the next few years.

A second workshop will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. To focus that workshop and ensure the Arts Council makes progress toward developing its Immediate Action Plan, we would like to collect your comments on a few topics in advance of the meeting. Please complete the attached survey by February 17<sup>th</sup> and send your responses to Sarah [sarah.bluvas@mercerisland.gov](mailto:sarah.bluvas@mercerisland.gov). At the workshop, we anticipate sharing a synthesis of your responses, discussing councilmembers' ideas for the Immediate Action Plan, and reviewing a few draft proposal options.