



AB 6204: Public Art Donation Acceptance

January 3, 2023 City Council Meeting





Public Art Overview

- The City manages a public art collection of 60+ 2D and 3D works installed around the community.
- Staff work with the Mercer Island Arts Council to steward the collection.
- Many works have been acquired through private donations.
- Last accepted a public art donation in 2017

Cyclermates by Robin DeVries



Donation of *Raven*

- Palladium print by Ron Reeder, long-time Island resident, scientist, and artist
- Presented to the City by MIVAL in 2019
- Approved by the Arts Council in 2021
- Currently installed at Municipal Court



Partnership with MIVAL

- MIVAL is an all volunteer-run organization that has existed on the Island since 1961.
- In addition to being a visual artist collective, MIVAL manages a gallery in Town Center and offers scholarships to MIHS students.
- The organization has collaborated with the City on a range of projects and events throughout its 50+ year existence.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, MIVAL's partnership was critical in the Recreation division's ability to offer community events and activities.

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Co-hosted community art projects to connect Islanders during the pandemic

2021 Illuminate MI: Island Lanterns Community Art Project



Enhanced City events by coordinating free art activities and art vendors

2022 Summer Celebration



Programmed the Mercer Island Gallery and a new exhibit at the Municipal Court

First MI Gallery Exhibit installed in 2021

Next Steps

- If formally accepted tonight, staff will continue working with KCLS to install *Raven* at the MI branch.
- Artwork will be added to City's insurance
- Also added to the Public Art Story Map and STQRY to share with the community

