

PROS Plan: Chapter 4

Feedback from Arts Council as of 10.08.21

Section	Comment / Question	Chapter Text	Staff Follow-Up
Goal 5: Recreation Facilities & Programming	The objectives under Goal 5 include programs for youth, teens and seniors but do not expressly reference adults. I agree that youth/teens and seniors have the greater need, but I think programs for all adults should not be completely forgotten.	5.4 Continue work to restore and expand youth and teen programs to provide engaging, affordable, enriching, inclusive, and safe options for children on Mercer Island. Identify programs and activities that provide for whole-family participation. 5.6 Work to restore and expand opportunities for seniors to engage in social, recreational, educational, nutritional, and health programs designed to encourage social connections, independence, physical fitness, and overall well-being.	Comment shared with PROS Plan project team
Goal 6: Arts & Culture	Consider adding “performing arts” to 6.3 or in another place.	6.3 Identify and implement opportunities for integrating arts and culture into parks and open space areas, including through permanent and temporary public art installations; arts performance and events ; engaging interpretive strategies; and other dynamic expressions.	Section in bold added to existing objective.
Goal 6: Arts & Culture	Add an objective that reflects the facility/venue/space component of the Arts & Culture Plan.	6.4 Collaborate with local artists, arts and culture organizations, and other community groups to confirm and implement opportunities to provide space for art making and presenting.	New Objective 6.4 added to reflect policy identified in Arts and Culture Plan.
Goal 6: Arts & Culture	Certified Creative District - Where does this belong? PROS Plan or Work Plan?		Won't be included in PROS Plan. Sufficiently described in the Arts and Culture Plan and needs to be added back into work plan when/if appropriate- 2023-24 budget cycle, perhaps.
Goal 7: Community Engagement & Partnerships	Make sure Goal 7 doesn't exclude partnerships with arts organizations.	7.3 Identify and implement partnerships with other public, private, non-profit, and local community organizations to support capital projects, community events, programs, and other special initiatives.	Section in bold added to existing objective.
Goal 8: Administration & Fiscal Sustainability	Make sure Objective 8.6 includes an economic development component that is reflective of arts and culture as well as parks and recreation.	8.6 Collaborate with the Community Planning and Development Department to develop initiatives to support local businesses and evaluative metrics to track the economic impact of parks, recreation, and arts programs and services on the local community. Seek opportunities to buy local when procuring products and services as well as other opportunities to partner with Mercer Island small businesses in the delivery of programs and services.	Section in bold added to existing objective.