



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elizabeth Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Elizabeth Mitchell, Vice Chair Daniel Becker, and Councilors Suzanne Skone, Jonathan Harrington, JB Gibson, and Irene Rajagopal were present. Council Liaison Ted Weinberg was present.

Councilor Hannah Youn was absent.

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas, Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog, Recreation Facility Supervisor Alex Lee, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Jane Meyer Brahm, Mercer Island, addressed the Arts Council regarding the Street Name Inlays.
- Terry Moreman, Mercer Island, addressed the Arts Council regarding the Street Name Inlays.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor, reported on the following:

- Summer Celebration!
- Mostly Music in the Park
- Shakespeare in the Park
- Juneteenth
- Pride in the Park on August 24th
- 50th Annual - MIVAL's Jr Art Show & Award Reception
- Summer Camps

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the:

- A. April 17, 2024, Regular Meeting
- B. May 20, 2024, Special Meeting
- C. June 17, 2024, Special Meeting

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Gibson to:

Approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024, Regular Meeting, and the May 20, 2024 Special Meeting, and the June 17, 2024 Special Meeting.

Passed: 5 – 0 – 1

3. Arts Council Officer Elections

Becker nominated Mitchell for Chair. There were no further nominations.

Vote:

Passed: 6 – 0

Mitchell was elected Chair.

Skone nominated Becker for Vice-Chair.

Rajagopal nominated Harrington for Vice-Chair.
There were no further nominations.

Vote for Becker:
Passed: 6 – 0

Becker was elected Vice-Chair by majority vote.

4. Next Steps for *Downtown Streetscapes: Street Name Inlays*

Sarah Bluvas, CIP Project Manager, presented. Councilors asked questions, engaged in discussion, and asked Staff to return to the next meeting in October to provide options to commemorate the historical names of Mercer Island.

It was moved by Skone; seconded by Gibson to:
Recommend that the Street Name Inlays be deaccessioned.

Passed: 5 – 1

5. Art in Public Places 6-Year Workplan Progress

Sarah Bluvas, CIP Project Manager, presented. Councilors engaged in discussion and asked questions.

It was moved by Gibson; seconded by Harrington to:
Endorse the Public Art Pillars and to provide input on planning process and timeline.

Passed: 6 – 0

6. 2023 Recreation Division Annual Report

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly and Recreation Staff presented. Councilors received the report and asked questions.

7. 2025 – 2026 City Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities

Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog presented. Councilors received the report.

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Harrington to:
Endorse the 2025-2026 Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities

Passed: 6 – 0

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Absences

No absences were mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.