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Robin,

As a concerned citizen, I would like to add my comments to the lack of dedicated parking, size and scope of the project and the concessions they are requesting from the city. Taking away the pull out parking next to Mercerdale is not an option. Many elderly people park there to walk their dogs. Parking in the town center is a mess and the build out of more pads such as the addition of Pagliacci's just makes it worse. I have to wonder if anyone in city hall ever drives and parks in the town center. I often drive past the Rite Aid parking lot in the evening and the lot is now 3/4 full on most evenings so the thought of using that space is not going to work.

Bothell has a Performing Arts center at the Bothell High School that works beautifully to serve the community while providing adequate parking. It is a good use of community resources and is a lesson in cooperation between organizations to offer services to all in the community. Just because MICA wants their own building, this doesn't mean the city should give them the park space as well as street parking that is already highly in use.

My son utilized programs through YTNW so I am familiar with the wonderful arts program they provide to Mercer Island. They just need to find a better option and the Mercerdale Park plan is not it.

Sincerely,  
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