Chair Ryan Hester called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

072016.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
July 6, 2016
MM/SC/DK/CO 4:0:0 Minutes approved.

Mr. Astor arrived at 9:04 a.m.

072016.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

072016.21 4th and Dilling Way Sidewalks

Repair sidewalks and replace ADA ramps
ARC Report: ARC reviewed the photos and plans provided. Following ARC questions, the applicant explained that they are proposing the Federal Yellow detectable strip because the plastic overlay detectable strip no longer comes in Seattle Yellow. Because media trucks often drive up on the sidewalk there, they want to have something that is easily replaceable. They said that they have received guidance from Lighthouse for the Blind that the brown steel detector doesn’t provide enough contrast. The applicant said there were no granite curbs impacted. The applicant also mentioned that a tree was removed
and if it is to be replaced, an application will be submitted by SDOT Urban Forestry. ARC recommended approval.

Applicant Comment:

Jinny Green, SDOT, explained the sidewalk had lifted from street tree roots and they proposed to replace in-kind. She said they will also widen the ADA curb ramp and make the slope compliant. She said they are coordinating with an ongoing DOPAR project in the area. She said this job will last one week; parking stalls will be closed and there will be pedestrian detours.

Mr. Kiser arrived at 9:07 am.

Mr. Hester asked if they will use the standard 2'x 2' sidewalk.

Ms. Green said they will and that lampblack will be used as well. She said they will make the sidewalk section thicker – 8˝ as opposed to the 3½˝ regularly used – to accommodate trucks. Responding to questions she said there is not granite or glass prisms.

Public Comment: Carl Leighty advocated for cast iron dome ADA ramp.

Ms. Green said they received feedback from Lighthouse for the Blind and the color contrast is not enough so they will go with the Federal yellow plastic insert.

Mr. Hester went over District Rules and said he appreciated the maintenance.

Mr. Kralios said it complies with all Rules and he supported the application.

Action: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for repair sidewalks and replace ADA ramps as presented.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the July 20, 2016 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:
SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required
23.66.190 - Streets and sidewalks
A. Review by the Preservation Board shall be required before any changes are permitted to the sidewalk, prism lights, sidewalk widths, street paving or curbs

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H. Curbs. Where granite curbing presently exists, it will be the required replacement material. In other instances the same concrete and lampblack mixture used for the sidewalk will be used.
Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.

MM/SC/DK/MA  5:0:1 Motion carried. Mr. Kiser abstained.

60 Yesler Way

Installation of light fixtures in the parking lot

ARC Report: Mr. Kralios reported that ARC reviewed the plans, photos and cut sheets provided and asked if the number of items on the corner of Yesler and Post could be consolidated or at least the 12 foot pole could be reduced in height. The applicants will look into that and provide more information. Otherwise ARC thought that light fixtures were an appropriate design for a private parking lot and the other electrical work was restoring the preexisting conditions of the parking lot. It was noted by the applicant that they are installing power but that the parking kiosk and any potential alterations to the existing billboards due to the power source would be a separate application but the property owner.

Applicant Comment:

Jose Preto, WSDOT, explained the proposal to replace the illumination system on private property at Yesler and Western; he said the property has been used as an easement in the past. He provided site plan to replace an earlier version. He said that three lumineers are proposed, one each at the southwest, southeast and northeast corners. He said that the trench will be moved a few feet to the east to avoid conflict with another utility. He said electrical service pole and lumineer pole at the southeast corner will be combined. He said they surveyed five other parking lots and the shoebox lumineer is consistent in all of them. He said the color is bronze, light will be 3000 Kelvin, and lights will be mounted on square aluminum pole at 20’. He said there is a wood pole at the corner. He said that the service cabinet is at the southeast corner and will be configured as shown on drawing. He said that six junction boxes will be along the perimeter underground.

Mr. Preto confirmed there will be attachment to any historic materials but if anything is disturbed it will be replaced in kind. He said there will be 300’ of conduit along the private property edge 18-24” down which will require opening a trench. He said that any historic material discovered will be salvaged and stored in SDOT yard.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Mr. Hester went over District Rules.
Mr. Kralios appreciated the applicant’s responsiveness to ARC feedback to consolidate two poles to one. He said that the application is consistent with the District Rules and that there is no impact to historic materials. He said it is a private parking lot.

Mr. Astor agreed and said he appreciated the pole consolidation. He said lighting is beneficial for safety.

Mr. Hester said that any historic material found will be retained and documented by SDOT.

Mr. Kralios said the light spread is focused on the parking lot to avoid a lot of light spill.

Action: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for Installation of light fixtures in the parking lot with the consolidated poles at the corner. This approval does not include any consideration of changes to or lighting of the billboards installation of a parking kiosk by the property owner.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the July 20, 2016 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:
SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

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MM/SC/MA/AR 6:0:0 Motion carried.

Collins Building
Gary Manuel Salon
528 2nd Ave

Installation of a new vent and hot water flue pipes
ARC Report: ARC reviewed the plans and photos provided. ARC asked about alternative locations for the dryer vent as the proposed hole was in cobble, a character defining historic material, but there were several locations of non-historic material infill adjacent to the proposed hole. ARC thought that there appeared to be unexplored alternative options. ARC explained because this would be doing irreplaceable damage to historic material, albeit on the alley façade, they needed to feel confident that this was the only viable location so asked them to explore options or to demonstrate with drawings and photos that this was the only viable option. ARC did not make a recommendation pending additional information.
Staff Report: The Board can consider the location is on a non-primary façade, that the proposal requires irreversible damage to historic material, as well as the feasibility of alternatives.

Applicant Comment:

J’Keren Sears explained that they found an alternative to the earlier proposal.

Brad Wilcox explained that they found a route that won’t necessitate penetrating the sandstone. They will go up the stairwell and out alley through existing stucco. He said that the 10” duct will be inside the building. He said they will match adjacent galvanized covers. The galvanized shrouds will remain unpainted. He said that 3” PVC pipes will be painted and color matched to existing stucco. He said paint colors are Sherwin Williams 62-58 Tricorn Black and Benjamin Moore Stone Harbor 21-11-50.

Mr. Astor appreciated the applicant’s responsiveness to ARC comments.

Mr. Kralios thanks the applicant for addressing the Board’s concerns.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Hester went over District Rules and said he appreciated the thoughtful relocation of the penetrations.

Mr. Kralios said that alley side use is consistent with District Rules and it doesn’t damage historic material. He said it is easily repairable and they are painting the pipe to tie in.

Action: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for Installation of a new vent and hot water flue pipes as revised which now avoids any damage to the sandstone foundation.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the July 20, 2016 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

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SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

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Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values. (7/99) In considering rehabilitation projects, what is critical is the stabilization of
significant historical detailing, respect for the original architectural style, and compatibility of scale and materials.

VIII. MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

The preferred location for mechanical systems is in the building interior. In cases where locating systems in the interior is not possible, exterior mechanical systems equipment, including but not limited to air conditioning units, compressors, boilers, generators, ductwork, louvers, wiring and pipes, shall be installed on non-primary building facades and/or roof tops. Mechanical equipment shall be installed in such a manner that character-defining features of the building are not radically changed, damaged, obscured, or destroyed. Screening and/or painting of equipment may be required to diminish negative visual impacts. (7/99)

Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation

5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

MM/SC/MA/DK  6:0:0 Motion carried as revised. Mr. Kiser abstained.

072016.24

Union Station Plaza

5th Ave S

Mr. Kiser recused himself.

Installation of ten bike lockers in the plaza

ARC Report: Mr. Kralios reported that ARC reviewed the revised plans and thought that although they understood the policy to encourage bike ridership, they did not think it was appropriate to re-appropriate a plaza that was intended as public space for a private use for storage. They thought because of the size of the lockers, and the space needed to use the lockers that installation was not inconsequential, that use and number of lockers impedes pedestrian flow. They thought the lockers blocked the view through the plaza and of the Union Station, that the lockers bulk and scale was out of scale with the plaza, and that the design and material was not compatible with the character of the historic district, Union Station or the more contemporary plaza. ARC thought the number of lockers concentrated in the plaza dominates the appearance of the plaza. Some members thought that the three moved to the location between the escalators had less impact, but all agreed that the plaza area near the stage and zodiac were not appropriate locations. Some ARC members thought they did not demonstrate that there was a demand for the lockers. ARC said that because of the cumulative effect of the number of lockers, the proposed location and the impacts to the use of the plaza, pedestrian flow and the visual and aesthetic impact to the plaza and Union Station, as well as the safety issues brought up in the CPTED report, the ARC would not recommend approval.
Applicant Comment:

Jennifer Lee and Ben Han, Metro King County, presented. Ms. Lee explained the intent to provide secure bike parking and noted they have a limited budget. She said they reconfigured the design a bit to make more space and better sight lines; seven lockers will be at the perimeter and three will be moved north. She said that Sound Transit provides 66 spaces and they need to provide 33 more to accommodate future needs. She said the lockers will be attached with unit bolts to concrete.

Mr. Hester noted that concealed areas would be created.

Mr. Kralios said they are proposing to use public space for private parking and noted the number of lockers and impact to the overall appearance of the plaza.

Staff Report: Ms. Nashem asked that Rebecca Frestedt, coordinator of the International Special Review District, provided a review of the ISRD board’s review of the proposal. Ms. Frestedt said that the board appreciated the changes made based on board comments. She said the board felt that this was a heavy burden on the plaza for a small number of users. She said the board felt that the design does not fit with the design grid of the plaza. She said the board said the lockers do not reflect the character of the International District. She said activation provided would be minimal as worker locked bikes in the morning and picked them up in the evening. She said the board asked the applicants if alternatives were on the table and the applicant said there were not. She said the board denied the application unanimously.

Mr. Kralios said to their credit they made the effort to color match the trim to the teal steel elements.

Mr. Hester asked what the duration of installation would be.

Ms. Lee said they would be there indefinitely but that they are removable.

Public Comment:

Carl Leighty, Alliance for Pioneer Square, said that the lockers are boxes and it is an inappropriate use of public space. He noted the CPTED report which noted the lockers block sight plans and provide hiding space. He said the Alliance did not support the application.

Mr. Hester went over District Rules. He said that while he appreciated the proposed placement in a multi-mode area it would introduce visual clutter in the public plaza. He said he had safety concerns about placement and quantity of the lockers which create major barriers and provide concealed areas. He said the lockers would downgrade the quality of the plaza experience. He said that he recognized the need for safe storage but this is not the most sustainable option. He said that this would not provide benefit to the district.
Mr. Astor agreed with Mr. Hester and said this would place a burden on the plaza and the ratio of space used is not appropriate for such a small number of users.

Mr. Kralios said that he would be okay with the location of three quads out of the central plaza that would be tucked in unusable space and would still have 13’ available for pedestrians; it would allow for good visual oversight.

Mr. Hester said the Board must review and approve the application as presented.

Action: I move to recommend denial of a Certificate of Approval for installation of bike lockers in the Union Station Plaza because:
- The installation re-appropriates a plaza that was intended as public space for private use for storage,
- installation blocks the view through the plaza and of the Union Station
- the use of and number of lockers impedes pedestrian flow,
- the material and design of the locker was not compatible with the character of the historic district, Union Station or the more contemporary plaza,
- the bulk and scale of the lockers was out of scale with the plaza,
- potential CPTED issues are generated by the installation of the lockers,
- and the ratio of public space appropriated for private bicycle parking compared to the number of users served is excessive.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the July 20, 2016 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:
SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

23.66.100 - Creation of district, legislative findings and purpose

...to encourage the use of transportation modes other than the private automobile;
to improve visual and urban relationships between existing and future buildings and structures, parking spaces and public improvements within the area;
and to encourage pedestrian uses,...

Pioneer Square Preservation District Rules
XI. STREET FURNITURE

... All other elements of street furniture will be reviewed by the Board as to their specific compatibility within the Preservation District. This review will be extended to all bus shelters, bollards, signal boxes, mailboxes, pay phones, trash receptacles, newspaper stands, and vending carts which are both permanent and mobile. Pay phones, mail boxes, trash receptacles, and newspaper stands shall be located in the sidewalk zone adjacent to the curb, in line with street trees and light standards to reduce impediments to pedestrian flow and to avoid obscuring visibility into street level retail storefronts. (7/99, 7/03)
Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

MM/SC/MA/CO 5:0:1 Motion carried. Mr. Kiser abstained.

072016.3 PRELIMINARY PROJECT REVIEW

072016.31 Metropole Building
433rd 2nd Ave Ext S

Briefing regarding rehabilitation of the building

Matt Aalfs, Weinstein AU, provided context of the two buildings that have been combined one of which lost two floors in the 1949 earthquake. He said there was a fire in 2007 and the windows at street level have been boarded up since. He said they plan to bring the building up to structural and seismic code and add new HVAC and mechanical systems. He said they are seeking tax credits and have been working with Nick Vann at DAHP. He explained the intent to turn the building into a boutique hotel with lobby on 2nd Avenue, retail spaces, restaurant, downstairs restaurant/bar/speakeasy, new stair penthouse, transformer vault in basement with access in sidewalk. He went over structural design and said the building was constructed in 1892-93 and was meant to be taller; he noted the strong core and that the building had an elevator.

Mr. Aalfs said the existing lower level houses a transformer vault which has to be redone per SDOT. He said they will bring in the duct bank in the least impactful way from Yesler and 2nd; they will come in underground in the alley and will thread it underneath through the sub-basement to avoid the significant areaway. He said they will work with existing brick walls. He went through floor plans and said with the exception of the new stair all work will be within existing envelope.

Mr. Aalfs said they propose to restore the façade and rehab windows. He said at ground level a wood storefront system will infill all bays at street level. He said at the upper level they will replicate original windows. He said they propose to restore the decorative metal cornice. He said on the south elevation they will clad the CMU with rain screen system. He said the sandstone facades are important and they propose to remove the paint; he said they are exploring and testing three techniques to see which is the safest. He said a steel marquis with Metropole signage is proposed. He said Marvin ultimate window system – aluminum wood clad is proposed and the existing windows are not original.

Mr. Kralios asked about the masonry paint removal on brick.
Mr. Aalfs said they are taking the same approach. He said the brick has been damaged by paint and in the alley there is some spalling and some portions may need replacement.

Mr. Kralios asked if they would repaint.

Mr. Aalfs said they would not. He said their plan is to remove the paint, restore brick and sandstone and leave it unless specialists recommend a protective coating.

Mr. Kralios asked if mechanical duct, conduit lines and downspouts would be integrated into the interior.

Mr. Aalfs said some are no longer in use and would be removed. He said the interior has been gutted. He said a large shaft will be inside that will carry restaurant hood up to roof.

Mr. Kralios asked if there is an opportunity for dumpster to be inside.

Mr. Aalfs said no that it will need to be at grade and they will need a lift for deliveries.

Mr. Kralios asked if they plan to use the areaway for the speakeasy.

Mr. Aalfs said they do and he will bring photos of the space next briefing. He said that all the arches are done in masonry.

Ms. Nashem commented that this is a significant areaway.

Mr. Aalfs said it is a tall space and there will be no separation between the basement and areaway. He noted there are some water draining issues.

Mr. Hester encouraged future briefings and to bring a color coded survey showing proposed new and existing windows and to explain why aluminum clad wood windows are selected and how this relates to the District Rules. He suggested working with Alliance for Pioneer Square on pavement repair with the routing of the duct bank.

Mr. Aalfs said the alley is paved with stamped asphalt and they plan to put it back in-kind.

Mr. Hester suggested working with the Alliance to understand the alley programs and to collaborate if possible.

Mr. Aalfs said he would follow up with the Alliance.

Mr. Hester asked for more information on the paint removal and samples of materials cleaned. He said he appreciated the thoughtful retrofit and electrical routing and asked if there were any impacts to ornamental features.
Mr. Aalfs said their approach is to not impact the façade and would do work from inside if it was needed at all. He said their approach is preservation/restoration of the façade.

Mr. Kiser said he looks forward to the progression. He asked about plans for the murals currently covering the storefronts.

Mr. Aalfs said the owners are interested in it and will try to preserve it and possibly use it in the basement area.

Mr. Kralios said the approach is sensitive and is consistent with SOI, District Rules and Code. He said the location of penthouse with setbacks, though not yet labeled with dimensions, seems appropriate and has minimal impact.

Mr. Aalfs said he will provide dimensions next time.

072016.32 Merrill Place
Sellers building
411 1st Ave

Briefing regarding alterations of the outdoor terrace.
Installation of midblock crossing

Robert Leykam, NBBJ, provided context of the terrace within the overall site. He said the terrace area is in the middle of the block in a former alley that is now a pedestrian corridor. He said there was a renovation to the back side of the Sellers building in the 1980s. He said the terrace will remain for Il Terrazzo.

Mr. Leykam explained they propose to demolish the fabric marquee and relocate the stairs for better circulation. He said they would demolish existing paving and put in new paving; proposed concrete would be lighter than Seattle standard. He said the scoring will be based on that at the Seller Building modulation.

Mr. Hester asked what they proposed around the margins of poured concrete.

Mr. Leykam said the plaza is over an existing basement; it is leaking and needs to have the waterproofing replaced. He said they haven’t gotten to that level of detail yet. He said there will be a new relationship with the lobby of the 450 Building and the mid-block connection will be new. He said that the terrace will now be 4’ above the pedestrian corridor – it used to be 2’. He said the corridor bulbs out in the middle to break up the wall and to respond to existing symmetry of Sellers Building. He said that catenary cable lighting is proposed strung between the proposed pergola structure and the 450 Building. He said their intent is to create a hub in the neighborhood. He said that plantings – as approved in 450 Building – will provide green space and will connect to the surrounding street.
Steel Pergola

Mr. Kralios asked if it will be painted steel.

Mr. Leykam said it will be and provided a material color sample; he said it is the same color as the 450 Building and will have an exterior steel coating applied.

Mr. Hester said that the modern rear façade of the Sellers building provides more flexibility in design. He said the colors should be complementary with the remainder of the district with maybe a small departure. He said to align with the exposure. He asked about rafter material.

Mr. Leykam said it is a steel bar or small hollow 2’ x 4’ beam.

Mr. Kiser supported the pergola structure being as simple as possible. He said that there are many different materials there now. He said the pergola and lights are ok. He said the guard rail differentiation is contrived and should be simplified.

Mr. Kralios said to simplify small structures as much as possible for unified feel.

Mr. Hester asked if there are any connections to historic material.

Mr. Leykam said no that they tried to stay away from the buildings because of water intrusion issues.

Mr. Kralios suggested looking at how structural elements tie into scoring patterns and how to unify with commonalities.

Mr. Leykam said it is conceptual at this point and agreed that simplification is a good thing.

Overhead Lighting

Mr. Hester encourage finish be similar hue as trellis and to pay attention to brightness and amount of ambient light that may impact residents. He said to provide information on how the lighting will connect to structures. He said there should be some relationship between styles and alignment with buildings or structural elements.

Mr. Kralios said he agreed and suggested to tie back to canopy supports. He thought the angles de-emphasizes the attachments not being aligned.

Mr. Leykam said they are and the mullions and t-supports are in line. He said the south will be orthogonal.

Guard Rail
Mr. Kiser said the guard rail should be simplified. He suggested rather than using glass panels in one area and cable in another to use one or the other the entire length of the rail.

**Paving**

Mr. Hester said he would like details at the margins and how / if it relates to the historic material. He said he had no problem with the omission of lampblack here which he said in this case is justifiable in that it is not a sidewalk.

Ms. O'Donnell said the lighter color will make it seem more accessible.

Mr. Kiser said the paving is consistent with the design of the alley way and that the coloration is ok.

Mr. Leykam said he hopes to make this a vibrant hub.

Mr. Kralios said the original design had inset stair lights.

Mr. Leykam said there will be additional lights – up lights in trees etc. He said it will be interesting and rich.

*Messrs. Kralios and Rolluda left at 10:59 am.*

**072016.33 Fire Station 10**

305 2nd Ave S

**Briefing regarding repairs**

Ms. Nashem said some of what is presented can be administratively approved as in-kind maintenance but because the repairs will be highly visible she wanted board input; she said the overall appearance will be the same.

Ryan Kennedy, FAS, said upgrades and repair work are proposed to keep the fire station clean and safe. She introduced Rhoda Lawrence from BOLA Design.

Ms. Lawrence provided context of the building and site and went through the building design and construction. She said there two types of cast stone and a steel ledger at each floor level. She said that there are cracks / spalls in cast stone; it is dirty, has small cracks and is missing mortar. She said the cast stone absorbs water. She said they have done some selective demolition on corners where there are cracks and behind some of the cast stone panels found deteriorated steel ledger. She said they propose to remove two layers of cast stone above and below the steel ledger. She said it is a simple process: remove, waterproof, repair, and replace. She said they have specifications for quality controls in case of damage. She said they will 1) repair, or 2) restore, or 3) replace depending on condition. She said she talked to two precast manufacturers who said they can replicate the panels and custom mortars can be made. She said they could replace as pre-cast; it is cast stone now. She said that it
has a very fine aggregate so it looks like sandstone / limestone. She said they will clean the building with steam. She said they are testing a water repellent to mitigate water absorption. She said the mason contractor will do all preliminary testing.

Mr. Hester said the work is in-kind and doesn’t require a Certificate of Approval.

Ms. Nashem concurred and said it is in-kind unless alteration is needed to reinstall the panels.

Mr. Hester said if there is significant damage and an administrative review is done to confirm sample matches – as long as it is ok it is in-kind. He said as long as there is no change in modulation or new impacts / penetrations to historic fabric.


Ms. Lawrence said no surface attachments are planned. The steel ledger treatment will be a paint-on membrane. She said at the corners curved elements may be difficult to get out and they likely will have replacements there. Responding to questions she said she didn’t know work schedule duration yet – the fire station is still an active fire station so there will be lots of coordination.