



International Special Review District

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ISRD 74/25

Staff Report

Address: 719 S. King St – Wing Luke Museum

Record #: DONH-COA-01529

Applicant Representatives: Wren Wheeler, Wing Luke Museum

Exterior alteration – artwork: Revision to previously approved mural, proposed to be painted on a blank wooden panel on the east-facing wall.

Additional details:

A Certificate of Approval was issued for a painted mural, following a presentation to the Board at the Dec. 10, 2024 meeting. The Board recommended approval of the proposed mural, with a recommendation that the background of the artwork be extended to fill the whole vertical panel. The artist and family of the individual who is featured in the mural are proposing a revision to the mural design. The related plans show the approved design and the proposed revision.

The East Kong Yick Building is listed as contributing building to the Seattle Chinatown National Register District. It is located within the Asian Design Character District.

When reviewing artwork, the Board considers placement, materials, colors, scale and method of attachment.

DRAFT MOTION

I move that the International Special Review District Board recommend approval of a Certificate of Approval for revision of the design of a mural to be painted on to a blank wooden panel on the east façade, per the submitted application materials.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval, based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the May 27, 2025 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

This action is based on the **following applicable sections of the International Special Review District Ordinance and relevant Standards:**

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC)

SMC 23.66.336 - Exterior building finishes

A. General Requirements. To retain and enhance the visual order of the District, which is created by existing older buildings that provide unique character and form through their subtle detailing and quarter-block and half-block coverage, new development, including exterior remodeling, should respect the architectural and structural integrity of the building in which the work is undertaken, through sympathetic use of colors, material and style. Exterior building facades shall be of a scale compatible with surrounding structures. Window proportions, floor height, cornice line, street elevations and other elements of the building facades shall relate to the scale of the existing buildings in the immediate area.

B. Asian Design Character District.

2. Colors. Building facade colors must be reviewed by the Special Review Board and approved by the Director of Neighborhoods. Colors shall be compatible with those of adjacent buildings.

Secretary of the Interior Standards

#9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property.