



The City of Seattle

International Special Review District

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ISRD 78/26
Meeting of 05.12.26

Staff Report

Board Members Please Note: The citations from the District Ordinance, International Special Review District Design Guidelines, and Secretary of the Interior's Standards listed below are for your consideration in addition to any other citations you find relevant in considering each application.

Address: Multiple locations in the right-of-way (619 S. Jackson St. in the Seattle Services Portal)

Record #: DONH-COA-02122

Applicant Representative: Yongkang "YK" Zhou, CIDBIA

Design – artwork (banners): Proposed installation of banners to be attached to a total of 107 red lantern pedestrian streetlight poles on an extended arm. Dimensions: 18" w x 32" h. Banners will feature artwork by Stevie Shao and be located throughout Chinatown and Little Saigon, as identified in the applicant's submittals.

Staff comments:

The ISRD Board received a briefing on the proposed banners at the April 28, 2026 ISRD Board meeting. Board members were supportive of the proposal.

The proposed banners will be in addition to those previously installed in Japantown.

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 installation of banners on 107 red lantern pedestrian lighting fixtures, per the submitted application materials.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval, based on consideration of the application submittal and Board discussion at the May 12, 2026 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 23.66.030 – Certificates of Approval – application, review and appeals

SMC 23.66.334 – Streets and Sidewalks

Secretary of the Interior’s Standards

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.

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.