



The City of Seattle

## International Special Review District

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ISRD 30/18

### MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, February 27, 2018

Time: 4:30pm  
Place: Bush Asia Center  
409 Maynard Avenue S.  
Basement meeting room

#### **Board Members Present**

Stephanie Hsie, Vice Chair  
Sergio Legon-Talamoni  
Tiernan Martin, Chair  
Russ Williams

#### **Staff**

Rebecca Frestedt  
Melinda Bloom

#### **Absent**

Eliza Chan  
Tom Cheng  
David Leong

Chair Tiernan Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

#### **022718.1 CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL**

022718.12 501 S. Jackson St. – Buty Building  
*Applicant:* Joji Minatogawa, Joji Minatogawa Inc. Architects

Proposed signage for the Kai Ping Association.

Ms. Frestedt explained the application for proposed signage for Kai Ping Association, consisting of five (5) metal, painted sign plates (relocated from existing location) and one new wall sign (dimensions: 2' 1" h x ~3' 1). Exhibits reviewed included photographs, plans and samples. She said the Buty Building was constructed in 1901 and 1911. It is a contributing building located within the Retail Core and the Asian Design Character District. The Board recommended approval for a Change of Use in September 2017 and Signage in October 2017 for the westernmost storefront (tenant:

**Administered by The Historic Preservation Program  
The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods**

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85C Bakery). The installation of 85C's signage will necessitate removal of the Kai Ping signs. The Board approved the existing Kai Ping Association signs in January 2013.

Applicant Comment:

Joji Minatogawa explained that they will reduce from seven to five characters; two of the characters are not needed. He said the Kai Ping offices will be relocated to the basement level on the east side. He said they will need ADA access; there will be a separate Certificate of Approval application submitted for that work. He said they will move the main signs over to make room for the 85C. He said they will put signage on the door to Kai Ping's new location in basement. He said they will paint the plywood over the transom to match what is there; it will be a slightly darker backing for brass characters. He said the secondary backing behind the metal panel will allow them to mount signs so they attach at the mortar joints. He said the mortar joints are very shallow and they will try not to damage any brick. He said they will patch and repair where old installations are removed.

Michael Chu, property owner, summarized the association's history and programming, noting it's recreation-oriented, not political.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Board members determine they had enough information to make a decision.

Action: I move that the International Special Review District Board recommend approval of a Certificate of Approval for signage, as proposed.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval, based on consideration of the application submittal and Board discussion at the February 27, 2018 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

The proposed signage meets the following sections of the **International Special Review District Ordinance and applicable Design Guidelines:**

### **Design Guidelines for Signs**

#### **SMC 23.66.338 - Signs**

##### **Secretary of the Interior 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.

MM/SC/SLT/SH 4:0:0 Motion carried.

**022718.2 BOARD BUSINESS**

Ms. Frestedt reported two upcoming public meetings: Office of Planning and Community Development Open House on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and the ISRD work group tour in Chinatown and Japantown on March 1<sup>st</sup>. She said they will continue discussion with consultants.

**Adjourn**

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