



The City of Seattle

International Special Review District

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ISRD 156/23

Staff Report

Address: 604 S. Jackson St. – Kobo at Higo

Record #: DONH-COA-01056

Applicant Representatives: Binko Chiong-Bisbee, Kobo

Design – temporary artwork: Proposed installation of storefront murals on the Kobo at Higo storefront to replace existing boards that went up in 2020. Attachment will be to panels behind the existing boards. The installation will be temporary.

Additional information:

- The Jackson Building is a contributing building within the National Register District.
- The site is located within the Asian Design Character District and Retail Core.
- The existing boards were installed during a larger neighborhood effort to secure and protect storefronts during the height of the pandemic and in response to damage caused during protests.

Staff comment: This proposal is not responsive to the transparency requirement under [SMC 23.66.336 B4](#); however, the applicant is requesting consideration of approval to allow the panels on a temporary basis due to ongoing public safety concerns that have impacted the neighborhood.

PROPOSED MOTION

I move that the International Special Review District Board recommend approval of a Certificate of Approval for design – temporary artwork, at 604 S. Jackson Street, with the following conditions:

- *Approval will only be granted for a duration of (**Board shall confirm approved timeframe**).*
- *Following this timeframe, the panels will be removed and any penetrations to the storefront will be repaired.*
- *Any future security measures will require separate review and approval.*

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval, based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the October 24, 2023 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:**

SMC 23.66.336 – Exterior Building Finishes

A. General Requirements

B. Asian Design Character District

Secretary of the Interior Standard #9