

Victor Steinbrueck Park Totem Pole Signage - MHC Application

August 13, 2026

Friends of the Market proposes to install two interpretive signs for the totem poles on the railing at Victor Steinbrueck Park.

The proposed interpretive signs explain the history of the totem poles and will replace the original name plaques previously installed at the base of each totem pole.

We are requesting MHC approval not to have the original name plaques not be reinstalled, because they contain inaccurate information, and because the Steinbruecks would like to rename the Untitled Pole "Raven Pole" instead*. We have received approval from the UW Special Collections to have the name plaques added to the Friends of the Market collection at UW Special Collections.

The interpretive signs were authored by Friends of the Market, with input from Marilyn Oliver Bard, Lisa Steinbrueck and Jennifer Ott, Executive Director at HistoryLink.

The signs are being donated and installed by Friends of the Market. Seattle Parks and Recreation will maintain the signs.

- The totem poles are installed 50 feet apart, so the poles' history is recited on both signs.
- Signs to be installed on two 8" x 55" railing caps near the totem poles
- Signs measure 12" x 54.5".
- Material: cast aluminum, painted black with leatherette texture and clear coat.
- Screw heads will be painted to match background color.
- 5/8" lettering - raised copy, brushed aluminum. Font: Berthold Akzidenz Grotesk BE
- Anti-graffiti coating to be applied.
- Additional details per the following site plan, photos, design and attachment information, and color/material sample.

Site Plan - proposed locations for signage noted in pink.

PROPOSED DESIGN

Features that will remain in place:

- ① Western Avenue Street Trees

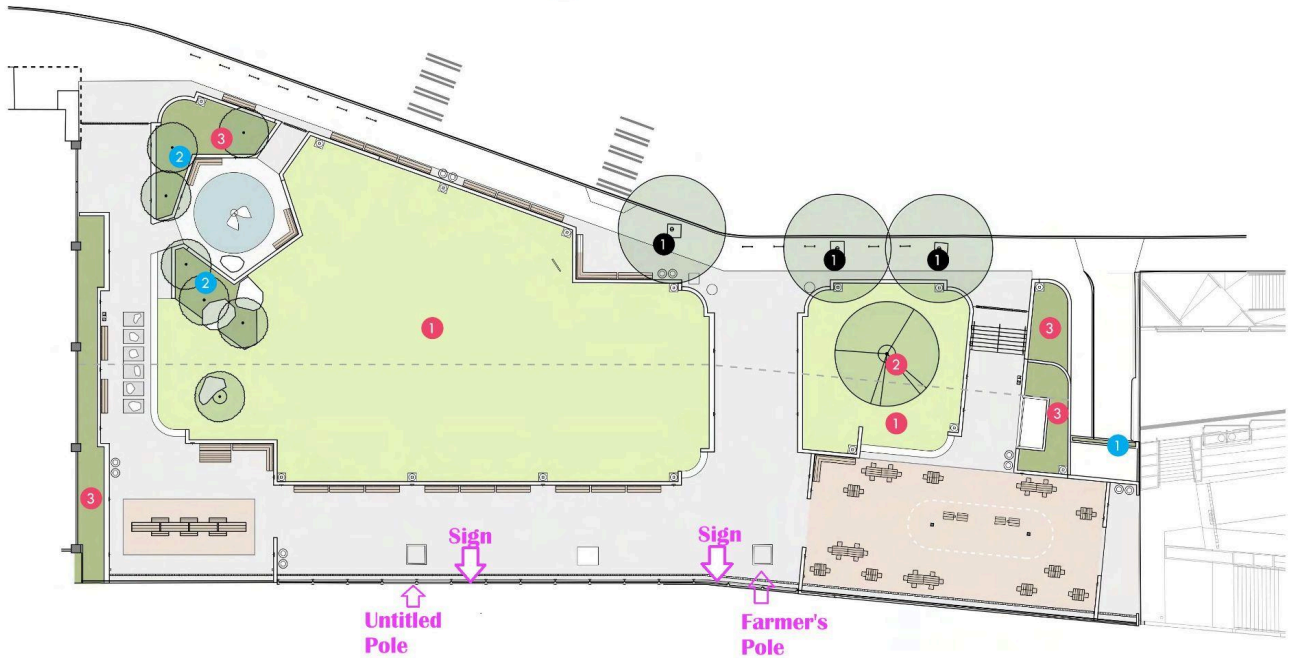
Features that will be removed and reinstalled or replaced in kind:

- ① Lawns and Berms
- ② Large Tree
- ③ Planting Area

New features:

- ① Vines Over Driveway*
- ② Grove Trees*

*This feature was part of the original Steinbrueck / Haag park design.



Proposed location for Untitled Pole interpretive sign:





Railing cap is 8" x 55". Proposed sign is 12" x 54.5".



Proposed location for Farmer's Pole interpretive sign:



Railing is 8" x 55". Proposed sign is 12" x 54.5".



Sign details:

VICTOR STEINBRUECK PARK | Plaques (Railing Version)

QUANTITY: [1] ONE EACH



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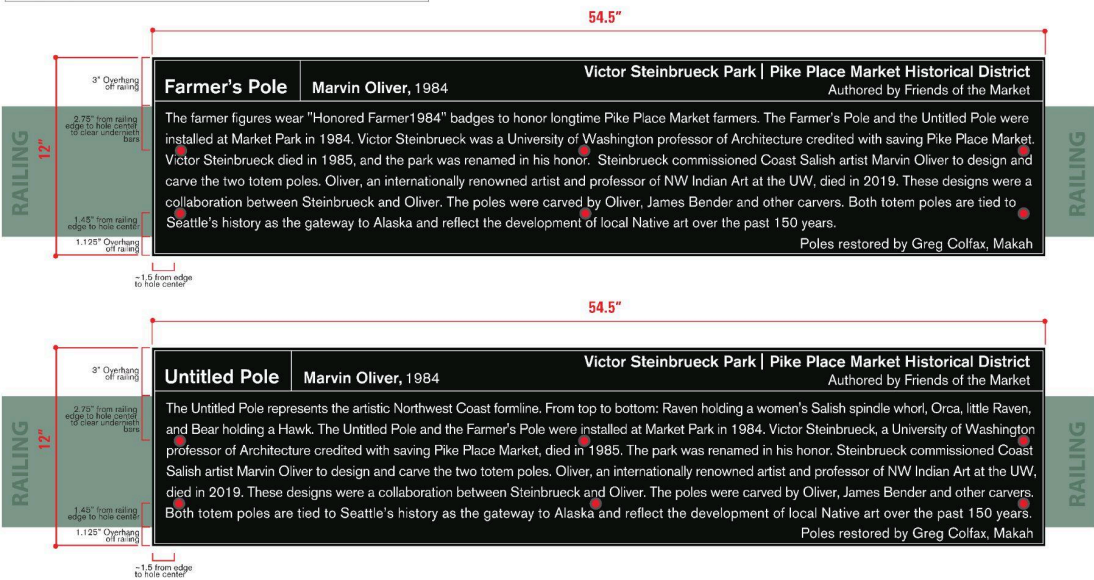
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ARTWORK PROOF - Alternative Option: "Authored by Friends of the Market" added to top
"Poles restored by Greg Colfax, Makah" added to bottom

SPECIFICATIONS

PLAQUE:
5/16" Aluminum Plaques, Black (2025) painted
w/ leatherette texture and clear coat.
Raised copy - brushed Aluminum
TEXT: 5/8" h
FONT: Berthold Akzidenz Grotesk BE

.85"	Farmer's Pole
.75"	Marvin Oliver, 1984 Victor Steinbrueck Park
.625"	The farmer figures wear...



Method of Attachment:

INSTALL DETAILS



Holes: Holes are placed strategically to avoid text at the cost of them being perfectly centered and semetrically placed.



Gaskets: 1/16" EPDM (Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer) gasket sheets under plaques, cut to size



SCREWS: 3/8 - 16X1" Security Torx Screws, counter sunk, painted (2025) black. Head diameter .75". Thread diameter 3/8"

Screw barrier such as Tef-Gel or Anti-seize

Edge Sealant such as Dow Corning 795 Silicone Sealant around sign edges.



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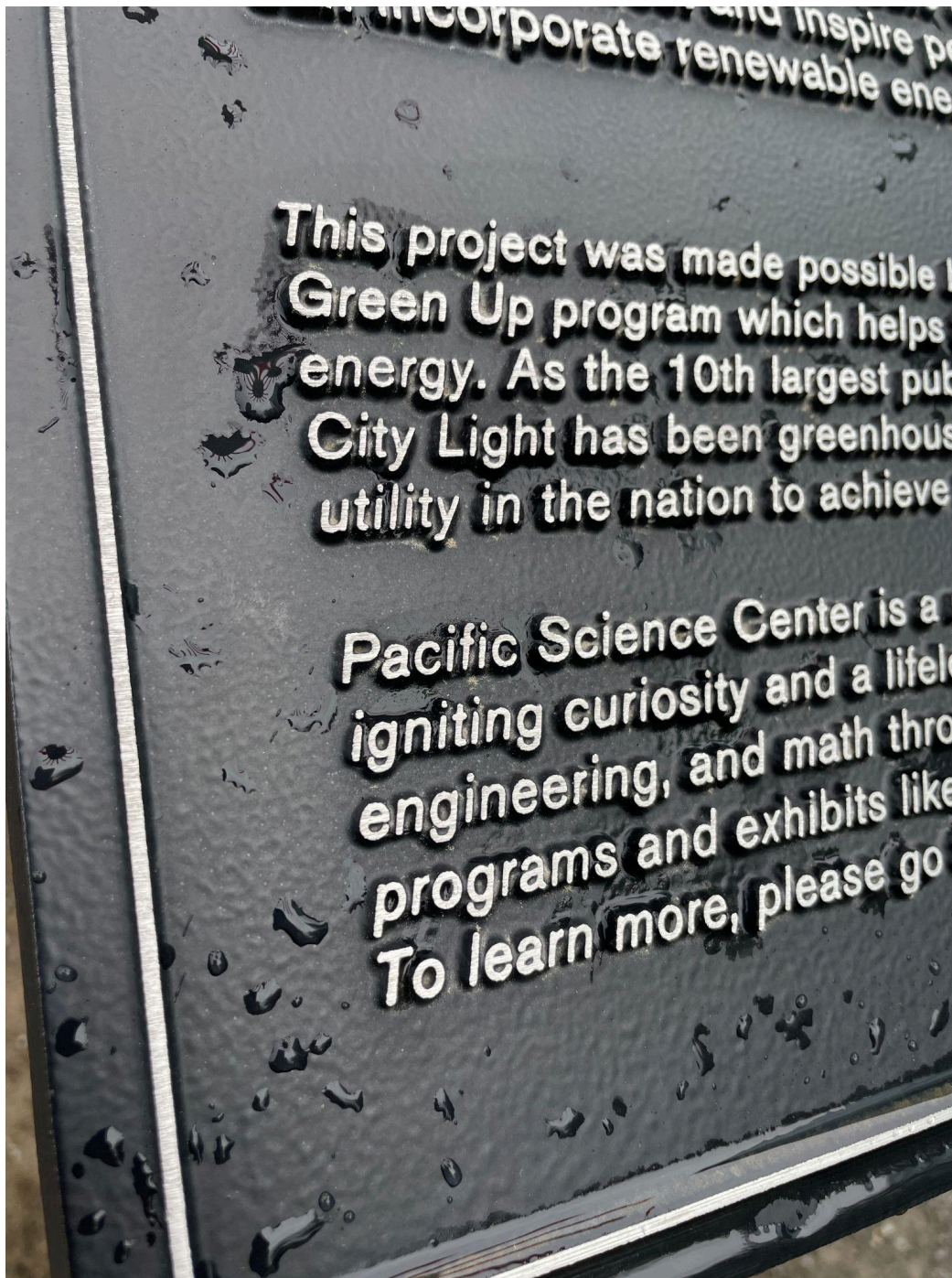
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PAINT OR OTHER PROTECTIVE MEANS.
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DESIGNER AND SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
INSTALLER TO FOLLOW.

Preventing Galvanic Corrosion:

To prevent galvanic corrosion, a rubber mat will be installed.
Gasket material: Durometer 60A EPDM Rubber Sheets (1/16" Thick)

A silicone sealant will be applied around the outside edge of the plaque to prevent salt / rain from creeping behind the rubber sheet.

Color/Material Sample (actual sample to be presented in person):



Former name plaques that are being replaced by interpretive signage proposed by Friends of the Market:

Name plaques are approximately 3" x 4".

Farmer's Pole original name plaque:



Name plaque says "Designed by Victor Steinbrueck". That is inaccurate: Victor Steinbrueck commissioned Marvin Oliver to design the totem pole. Victor had input on the design. Sign says

that James Bender carved the pole. That is inaccurate - carving was completed by James Bender and others, including Marvin Oliver.



Untitled Pole:

Name plaque says "Untitled Pole". The Steinbruecks want to rename the pole, which, approved, would mean this plaque is inappropriate to reinstall. Sign says that James Bender carved the pole. That is inaccurate - carving was completed by James Bender and others, including Marvin Oliver.





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... on March 11, 1984.
Washington professor of
Pike Place Market. Steinbrueck
in his honor. The park was
District in 1986.

... artist Marvin Oliver
carve the two totem poles and
complete the carving. Oliver, an
artist at the time of his death in
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maintained on this site. The restoration
has been completed in 2025. On
following the adjacent QR code.

The Farmer's Pole and
Steinbrueck Park (form
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Steinbrueck commissione
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the design of the Farmer's P

The Untitled Totem Pole, wh
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Salish spindle whorl. The two
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