



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 166/25

PIONEER SQUARE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Time: 9:00a.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Webex or Room L2-80 Boards and Commission

Board Members

Maureen Elenga
Karl Mueller
Sage Kim
Jose Lorenzo Torres
Henry Watson

Staff

Genna Nashem

Absent:

Key:

BM: Board Member

SM: Staff Member

AP: Applicant

Chair Jose Lorenzo Torres called the meeting to order at 9:05

041625.1 ROLL CALL

041625.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

041625.3 MEETING MINUTES

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MM/SC/KM/JLT/ HW abstained

041625.4 CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

041625.41 Muckleshoot Heritage Plaza-Luman Field

800 Occidental Ave S

Leo Flor, Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

Installation of artwork

Board discussion: The Board had previously received a briefing about several project associated with the FIFA World Cup including the installation of a sculpture. The Board thought that the final design of sculpture, placement and installation was appropriate.

Board recommendation: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for installation of artwork in the Muckleshoot Heritage Plaza per the applicants submittal.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the *April 16, 2025* public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:

Seattle Municipal Code

23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

MM/SC/KM/SK

5:0:0 Motion carried.

041625.41 Prefontaine Fountain Place

3rd Ave

Morteza Behrooz, Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation

Removal of a tree

Staff comment: The Board has been receiving briefings about plans to rehabilitate the fountain and the plaza surrounding the fountain. The removal of one of the trees is consistent with the long-term plans for the site but is being requested now because the tree is in poor health and rubbing against the back of the fountain.

Board recommendation: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for removal of a tree. All per the applicant's submittal.

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041625.5 BRIEFING

041625.51 Prefontaine Fountain Place

3rd Ave

Morteza Behrooz, Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation

Briefing on proposed alterations to Prefontaine Fountain (Place) retaining the side panels and altering the remaining site including reducing the height of the back of the of the fountain and altering the bowl and removing the turtles, construction of a new plaza around the fountain.

Board Discussion: The Board generally thought that the plan was closer to retaining the character of the fountain by retaining the shape and the tope stones but lowering the back and the compromise the sake of safety. They supported that the fall safety was mitigated through a planter with low plantings. Before recreating the turtles in a new way, such as on a new inverted dome, the Board wanted to know the history of why the turtles were included in the first place. However, the Board would rather that the existing turtles were repaired or altered to be more vandal resistant or replaced and if that was not possible replaced with similar more vandal resistant turtles. They thought the turtles on the edge of the fountain were part of the design. They thought that they looked like they were built into the rim not added on. The Board wanted more information on the possible restoration or in-kind replacement of the turtles. The Board preferred the inverted dome and the sound of running water.

041625.6 BOARD BUSINESS

041625.7 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

041625.8 STAFF REPORT

Administrative Review Report provide by Genna Nashem