



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 164/25

PIONEER SQUARE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Time: 9:00a.m.

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

Board Members

Montana Houston
Sage Kim
Jose Lorenzo Torres
Henry Watson

Staff

Genna Nashem

Absent:

Maureen Elenga

Key:

BM: Board Member

SM: Staff Member

AP: Applicant

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

070225.1 ROLL CALL

070225.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Three public comments opposed the installation of scissor gates on the Seattle Harbor Master's Station (Washington Boat landing) one objected to artwork being installed in various locations.

070225.3 MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2025

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Administered by The Historic Preservation Program
The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

070225.4 CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

070225.41 Metropole Building

432 2nd Ave S

Gage Hamilton, Forest Through the Trees

Proposed: Installation of 2 rotating artworks on frames

Board discussion: Similar to other installations the Board thought that the installation was appropriate and that the one frame was demonstrated to fit over an existing brick ledge so no brick would be damaged or removed for the installation.

Motion:

Draft Motion:

I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for installation of art frames for rotating artwork. The rotating artwork will be reviewed by Historic Preservation Staff prior to installation of the artwork for compliance with regulations. The frames are to be installed in mortar joints only with bolts that fit the mortar joints. When the frames are removed, the penetrations will be filled with mortar to match existing mortar. The frames should be removed if the program to rotate artwork ends.

All per the applicant's submittal.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the July 2, 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

Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation 9 and 10

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4:0:0 Motion carried.

070225.5 BRIEFING

070225.51 Seattle Harbor Master's Station/ Washington Street Boat Landing

199 Alaskan Way S

Proposed: Briefing regarding installation of gates

Board discussion:

The Board said that the Harbor Master's Station is an important historic structure and the impact to it should be carefully considered. The Board discussed that scissor gates are prohibited in the District Rules and that the applicant should continue to explore other options to address security concerns. The Board said they would expect to see all alternatives considered and would need to see drawings and renderings of what the pergola would look like with gates installed; gates open and gates closed. This should include a view looking down Washington St. Installation details would also be needed, including where they are attached and how they are attached. The Board suggested that they assess the current lighting levels and consider additional lighting as an alternative if needed. The applicant thought that there were City regulations regarding motion sensors and cameras on public facilities but agreed to confirm any restrictions.

070225.6 BOARD BUSINESS**070225.7 REPORT OF THE CHAIR****070225.8 STAFF REPORT**

Administrative Review Report provided by Genna Nashem