



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PIONEER SQUARE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Time: 9:00a.m.

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

Board Members

Maureen Elenga
Sage Kim
Karl Mueller
Jose Lorenzo-Torres

Staff

Genna Nashem

Absent
Steven Sparks
Henry Watson

Key:

BM: Board Member
SM: Staff Member
AP: Applicant

Chair Maureen Elenga called the meeting to order at 9:05

021925.1 ROLL CALL

021925.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Anahi Bendick, Alliance for Pioneer Square, said the revised plan integrated feed back from the last review. Anahi acknowledged that the fountain was left unmaintained, and thought any new proposal should include maintenance plans; She thought success of the proposal will depend on community by in. The Alliance is requesting Parks have a community open house and to not have any arbitrary deadlines but to take the time that is needed for a careful and thoughtful solution.

021925.3 MEETING MINUTES

No minutes reviewed this meeting

021925.4 CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

No Certificates of Approval were reviewed this meeting

021925.5 BRIEFING

021925.51 Prefontaine Fountain Place

3rd Ave

Applicants: Seattle Parks and Recreation, Morteza Berooz and consultant Andy Minton

Briefing on proposed alterations to Prefontaine Fountain (Place) retaining the side panels and altering the remaining site including removing two panels to install stairs and reducing the height of the back of the of the fountain with a profile to match the front of the fountain and altering the bowl or demolishing the bowl and removing the turtles, construction of a new plaza around the fountain.

Morteza Behrooz, Seattle Parks and Recreation and consultant Andy Minton, Berger presented the briefing on the new proposal.

Responding to Board questions, the AP said they could include the turtles or new turtles, if the Board prefers to fill the bowl rather than remove the bowl they can look at fills and the new dome could be tiled or an artist sculpture.

AP said that they reached out to the Committee of 33 and they supported the plans and would like to take the turtles.

Board members asked why not repair the fountain as is. AP said that the deep bowl is a hazard and they are trying to improve CEPTED. Board members had concerns that people would sit on the steps and that no one would use the stairs for mobility anyway. They thought eliminating the steps retained more of the original design intent of the fountain and increased mobility could be achieved a different way.

Board members thought that lowering the fountain retaining the flat profile cap in the back retained more of the original design rather than rounding the back profile to match the front but wanted to see rendering of what it might look like.

The Board would also like to see an option with repairing the fountain as is with the mist water feature rather than standing water.

021925.6 BOARD BUSINESS

021925.7 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Staff reported on Administrative approvals.

021925.8 STAFF REPORT

Administrative Review Report – Genna Nashem