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Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PIONEER SQUARE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Time: 9:00a.m.

Hybrid Meeting Via Webex Or Room L2-80 Boards And Commission

Board Members

Maureen Elenga, Chair, (ME)
Sage Kim (SK)
Sean O'Brien (SO)
Maya Spotted Bear (MSB)
Jose Lorenzo Torres, Vice-Chair, (JLT)
Catherine Walker (CW)
Henry Watson (HW)

Staff

Genna Nashem (GN)
Nelson Pesigan (NP)

Absent:

Katrina Plewinski (KP)
Montana Houston (MH)

Key:

BM: Board Member
SM: Staff Member
AP: Applicant

Chair Maureen Elenga called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

020426.1 ROLL CALL

020426.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

020426.3 MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2025

MM/SC/CW/JLT

5:0:2

The motion passed. BM Henry Watson and Sean O'Brien abstained.

020426.4 CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

There were no applications.

020426.5 BRIEFING

020426.51 Prefontaine Headhouse

423 3rd Ave

Sound Transit

Briefing on proposed alterations to the headhouse structure.

Presenters: Jennifer Schreck, Scott Glazebrook, Chris Dowell, Vince Hoss, Gabrielle Glass, Jonathan Sirois.

Jennifer Schreck, Senior Cultural Resource Specialist at Sound Transit and an architectural historian, opened the discussion by explaining that she is working with Sound Transit's architectural staff and an external design team on essential upgrades to the Prefontaine Headhouse. Jennifer noted that the project team is seeking the board's input on material selections that will address safety concerns and mitigate climbing risks associated with the structure.

Scott Glazebrook of Tiscareno, the lead consultant for Sound Transit, introduced the project by outlining the planned updates to the Prefontaine Headhouse, focused on improving maintenance access, safety, lighting, accessibility, at the Pioneer Square Link Station.

Jonathan Sirois, senior architect at Sound Transit, explained that the lighting work primarily involves upgrading existing fixtures to LED. The team will first attempt simple re-lamping, and only replace poles if necessary, matching them as closely as possible and reusing the existing fixtures when feasible. They presented an option to explore adding new lighting to a new safety covering.

Board members generally supported the approach noting that it balanced design integrity with practicality and improved maintenance. They thought most of the proposed improvements appear well integrated with and complementary to the original structure. The Board supported the change to the art gates, change to the 3rd Ave gates, covering of the element of the

beams for which they preferred the perforated panels so not to compete with other design elements, and supported lighting behind the panels, the preferred method of installation for roof mounted fall protection and drainage and replacing the barrel lights with LED tube lights. Board members supported the Teams preferred scrim to plexiglass as it would make it easier to clean, likely to age better and perform better under graffiti removal treatments.

Board members discussed the lighting of the proposed curved cover of the plinth. They thought that it might take away from other design features and though the cover is a practical solution, it was not one to highlight by lighting it up. If more lighting was deemed necessary maybe address with an overall lighting design. If lighting the screen remains in the plan the Board would like a more detailed rendering/drawing of the proposal. The Board also suggested if lighting was necessary then it would be an opportunity to potentially include an artistic component that could fulfill the functional need for safety but also something that would add value to the space being lit.

Chair Elenga noted that the board is generally supportive of the preferred options presented and that additional discussion will be needed and emphasized that clearer visuals in the next presentation would be helpful for evaluating the remaining design considerations.

020426.6 BOARD BUSINESS

020426.7 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

020426.8 STAFF REPORT

SM Genna Nashem provided an administrative review summary report.

SM Nashem asked members to gauge their interest in using the extra week in April for a training of retreat and what topics were of interest.

SM Nashem added that the group could also continue last year's unfinished walking tour.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.