



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 170/23

Staff REPORT

for Board meeting June 21, 2023

Board Members Please Note: The citations from the District Ordinance, Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District, and Secretary of the Interior's Standards listed below are for your consideration in addition to any other citations you find relevant in considering each application.

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Fisher building, Manufactures building (Railspur) and alley (Railspur alley)

117 S Jackson St, 419 Occidental Ave S and alley east of 1st Ave S between S Jackson St and S King St

Applicant: Henry Watson, Urban Villages

Record number: DONH-COA-00911

Installation of mural panels in the alley to accommodate rotating artwork. First art rotation is proposed.

Staff report: This is part of larger proposal to activate the alley but just the mural installation is moving forward first to accommodate mural installation in time for the All Star game. The Board typically centers discussion of artwork on the placement, attachments, colors and assuring that the artwork does not contain any commercial message and how it fits in to the district generally and not whether the art or subject matter is of personal taste. The Board may discuss if they would want to see every mural prior to installation or if they would like to approve rotating murals with staff review of the artwork to assure that there is no commercial messaging. The Board might discuss if there are parameters that they would want to be included in the rotating art.

Draft Motion: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for:
Installation of panels to install murals and approval of the first murals (*and future murals on the proposed mural panels*) *Mural is to be sized to fit the black wall space and not to overlap with the windows.* Art on the construction fencing is temporary, All as proposed.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the June 21, 2023 public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

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The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods**

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Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

- A. Certificate of approval required. No person shall alter, demolish, construct, reconstruct, restore, remodel, make any visible change to the exterior appearance of any structure, or to the public rights-of-way or other public spaces in a special review district, and no one shall remove or substantially alter any existing sign or erect or place any new sign or change the principal use of any building, or any portion of a building, structure or lot in a special review district, and no permit for such activity shall be issued unless a certificate of approval has been issued by the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Pioneer Square Preservation District Rules

XIV. STREET TREES AND VEGETATION

Hanging baskets with seasonal flowers are recommended.

Secretary of Interior's Standards

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be taken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

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