

Applicant Representative: Seattle Parks and Recreation, Jonathan Garner

Business/Project Name: Decommission Battle of Seattle Boulder

Business/Project Address: City Hall Park 450 3rd Ave

Record: DONH-COA-01174

Re: SPR Responses to January 31, 2024 Correction Notice

Description of proposed work: Please provide a detailed description of the project that explains:

- The history of this boulder
 - o SPR Response: This boulder was a gift from the Daughters of the American Revolution, donated to the City in the early 1910s. The plaque on the boulder commemorates the "Battle of Seattle," which was a skirmish between the whites and the Duwamish peoples. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) donated the boulder and plaque to the City by ordinance, therefore SPR owns them.
- Why the boulder is proposed to be removed?
 - o SPR Response: City Hall Park is currently undergoing design as part of SPR's Capital Delivery Program. The boulder is proposed to be removed because it is not a part of the proposed capital improvement project design for City Hall Park. (See site plan)
- How the area around where the boulder is removed would be restored to its prior condition or new condition?
 - o SPR Response: Where the boulder is proposed to be removed will be restored according to the design and specifications of the final design for the park. (See site plan)
- Outreach that was conducted by Parks with the community regarding the removal of the boulder, especially outreach to the Indigenous community about this project.
 - o SPR Response: See attached letter of support from the Indigenous Advisory Council. Other outreach and community engagement will commence when the project reaches a milestone for presenting to the public.
- Describe the decommissioning process that you refer to in your application. Please specify if the intent is to remove the cannon balls as well. From what is provided, it is not clear if they are attached to the boulder or if they set on top of the boulder.
 - o SPR Response: The cannon balls are attached to the boulder and will be removed and stored separately from the boulder.

The description you provided states that you will renovate the park, clarify if there is other work that you intend to do as part of this project or clarify if you are referring to a future park renovation project. If there are additional scope of work in the park as part of this project, you will need to provide additional details of those renovations.

- o SPR Response: The proposed project is a future park renovation of City Hall Park that is currently in design development. There is no additional scope of work as part of this project at this time.

The plans you provided in your application submittal are from 1991. The relevance of the 1991 plans to this project is unclear. Please explain.

- o SPR Response: Please see revised site plan uploaded with this response.

The location of the boulder is shown on the land survey but because of the nature of the land survey, it is more helpful to show the location in context of a site plan drawing. If you cannot provide a simple site plan, then you could also provide clear photos with directionals that are keyed to the land survey. When we ask for a survey of features to be replaced or demolished, we are asking for documentation of what exists, it's history and condition (if it were being removed or demolished because of condition).

Provide photos of the plaque where the writing is legible or at least provide some documentation of what the plaque says.

- o SPR Response: The boulder is being removed because of the proposed design renovation of the entire park. To-date, there is no reason to remove/demolish the boulder due to its condition. The mechanism prompting its removal is the proposed redesign of the park. Please see revised site plan uploaded with this response.

Fee: Pay the application fee. City departments usually pay the fee through an interoffice transfer. If this is how you would like to pay, then I can connect your accounting staff with DON accounting staff. Let me know.

- o SPR Response: Yes, please conduct an interoffice transfer.





Battle of Seattle monument



The restored monument.

Photo courtesy Lady Stirling DAR

The Battle of Seattle monument (boulder) takes up approximately 6 (six) square ft of grass area. Upon removal of the boulder the footprint will be restored back to grass lawn.

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City Hall Park
CITY HALL PARK

