



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 165/25

STAFF REPORT ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Memorial Wall 401 5th Avenue N

Features and Characteristics for which a Certificate of Approval is required:

The memorial wall with associated steps, fountains and other integral features, all of the structural wall(s) and foundation(s) that physically support the memorial in situ, and the site area on which the memorial resides and relies upon for structural support, including 20' of space on all sides of the wall.

Designated under Standard: A, C, D, and E

Summary of proposed changes: Separate memorial structure from stadium structure, introducing both temporary and permanent structural supports. Alterations to the fountains to restore function. New supplemental lighting. Raised forecourt and overlay existing stairs to improve access. New landscaping, hardscape, and site improvements associated with adjacent redevelopment of the stadium.

Note: Proposed exhibit installation and signage at back side of the memorial wall will be submitted under a separate application.

Suggested Language for Approval:

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for the proposed alterations and site improvements at the Memorial Wall, 401 5th Avenue N, as per the attached submittal.

This action is based on the following:

1. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 A, the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change would adversely affect the features or characteristics described in the Report on Designation, LPB 351/23.
 - a. Alterations to the primary side of the memorial wall are minor and desirable improvements, including increased accessibility.

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- b. The new structural wall at the rear of the memorial is necessary and will have little impact on the appearance of the primary side.
- 2. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 B, the reasonableness or lack thereof of the proposed alterations or significant change in light of other alternatives available to achieve the objectives of the owner and the applicant.
 - a. The applicants adjusted the proposal to be responsive to the Board's feedback. No major alternatives were requested by the Board.
- 3. The factors of SMC 25.12.750 C, D and E are not applicable.
- 4. The proposed work as presented is consistent with the following Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as listed below:

Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.