LPB 273/25

**STAFF REPORT ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

**Meridian Playground / Good Shepherd Center**
**4647 Sunnyside Avenue N**

Features and Characteristics for which a Certificate of Approval is required:
The entire exteriors of all the buildings; the site; and the formal gardens character of the site with stipulations.

Designated under Standards: C and F.

Summary of proposed changes: Proposed planting of new trees on west side of the play area, and removal of one tree.

Note: Staff reviewed the play equipment changes and determined it is consistent with maintenance, requiring no further review. The proposed accessibility improvements including new sidewalks will be reviewed as an Administrative Certificate of Approval. Two of the three trees proposed for removal do not require review as there are less than 6" DBH.

**Suggested Language for Approval:**

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for the proposed tree removal and new plantings at the Meridian Playground, 4647 Sunnyside 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 Ordinance 111882.

   a. The tree proposed for removal is quite small and has no adverse impact.

   b. The proposed new trees do not alter views of the main building, due to other mature landscape.

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 new trees will provide some shade, and offer a visual buffer for the play area. No alternatives were requested.

3. The factors of SMC 25.12.750 C, D and E are not applicable.