



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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STAFF REPORT ON NOMINATION

The People's Wall

1919 E Spruce Street (formerly 173 20th Avenue)

Staff recommends nomination of The People's Wall at 1919 E Spruce Street based on the following designation standards:

- A. It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, an historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation.
- B. It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation.
- C. It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation.
- E. It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder.
- F. Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the City and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City.

The following features and characteristics recommended for consideration include:

- The mural.
- The "L-shaped" retaining wall the mural is painted on.
- The eastern portion of the site where the wall sits, including the land between the wall and the east and north property lines.

Approval of Nomination:

If approved, a public meeting would be set for 30-60 days from nomination to consider the designation. During this time, the Board and staff may amend the nomination form. From the time of nomination, Subchapter VI of SMC 25. 12 shall apply. This section requires a

Certificate of Approval for alterations or significant changes to the features proposed for preservation. Following Board approval of the nomination (or designation) the owner may give written notice of a desire to confer and consult with the Board and Board staff to reach agreement on specific features to be preserved and methods to achieve such preservation. A timetable is established by Board, Board staff and the Owner. This written request by the Owner is the only procedure which may alter the time requirements or the public meeting on designation.

Disapproval of Nomination:

If the Board fails to approve the nomination, no new proceeding may be commenced for a period of 5 years without the written agreement of the Owner.

Deferral of Consideration:

The Board may defer consideration. Adequate notice should be given to all parties about when the matter is to be reconsidered. Once nominated, the Board must follow the procedures of SMC 25.12 and approve or disapprove the designation.

Suggested Language for Approval of Nomination:

“I move that the Board approve the nomination of The People’s Wall at 1919 E Spruce Street (formerly 173 20th Avenue) for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description in the Nomination Form; that the features and characteristics proposed for preservation include: the mural; the “L-shaped” retaining wall the mural is painted on; and the eastern portion of the site where the wall sits, including the land between the wall and the east and north property lines; that the public meeting for Board consideration of designation be scheduled for May 20, 2026; that this action conforms to the known comprehensive and development plans of the City of Seattle.”

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