



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 131/26

STAFF REPORT ON DESIGNATION

The People's Wall

1919 E Spruce Street (formerly 173 20th Avenue)

Legal Description:

20 Spruce, a condominium recorded in Volume 66 of Condominiums, Pages 39-43, recorded in King County, Washington.

On April 15, 2026, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the subject property and scheduled a public meeting to be held on May 20, 2026.

Staff recommends consideration of the following features and characteristics:

- 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.

This recommendation is based upon satisfaction of the following designation standards of SMC 25.12.350:

- 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.

**Administered by The Historic Preservation Program
The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods**

Suggested Language for Approval of Designation:

“I move that the Board approve the designation of The People’s Wall at 1919 E Spruce Street (formerly 173 20th Avenue) for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description above; that the designation is based upon satisfaction of Designation Standards A, B, C, E and F; that the features and characteristics of the property identified 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.

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