



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 251/24

MINUTES for Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Board Members

Maureen Elenga

Tyler Hall

Karl Mueller

Jose Lorenzo-Torres

Lindsay Pflugrath

Henry Watson

Absent

Kianoush Curran

Sage Kim

Steven Sparks

Staff

Genna Nashem

Melinda Bloom

Chair Maureen Elenga called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

090424.1 Public Comment

090424.2 Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2024

MM/SC/KM/TH

3:0:1

Minutes approved. Mr. Lorenzo-Torres abstained.

090424.3 Certificates of Approval

090424.31 Yesler Protected Bike Lane

147 Yesler

Applicant: Jonathan Frazier, SDOT

Proposed design for the bike lane

Ms. Nashem stated the Board previously saw a briefing on the project at the May 15, 2024, Board meeting.

Jonathan Frazier, SDOT explained proposal to fill in the protected bike land gap on Yesler between Occidental and the Waterfront. He said the project adds turn restrictions for westbound Yesler turning right across the bike lane at 1st Avenue and eastbound Yesler turning left across the bike lane at James Street. Existing turn restrictions already prohibit eastbound Yesler from turning left across the bike lane at 1st Avenue. He said that old paint will be removed prior to new application. Between 1st Avenue and Post Avenue four parking spaces would be removed. West of Post Avenue two load zones and one parking space would be relocated / removed. He said a new curb bulb would be added to slow turns and reduce crossing distance at James and Yesler. He said squaring-off James Street would slow turns and prevent vehicles from turning into the bike lane. Mr. Frazier used map to show routing options. He provided images of bike lane design and color standards. He said the low barrier was preferred by board at earlier meeting. Placement of the barrier will cause no damage to pavement as it just rests on top of the pavement. Mr. Frazier went over outreach conducted and proposed schedule.

Mr. Mueller said it is a big traffic impact to lose two turns. He said the proposed changes add complexity to the intersection without added signaling or pedestrian safety. He asked why signals weren't an option.

Mr. Frazier said some scoping work on signals is being done as the debate over the streetcar continues. He said every signal is interconnected and noted challenges and expense of conduit under the streets and challenges of pedestrian signals. He said it could be several years out.

Ms. Elenga left at 9:43 am. Mr. Mueller took over as chair at 9:43 am.

Mr. Hall said there are challenges in the area to navigate. He echoed Mr. Mueller's comments about the need for a more complete, permanent resolution. He said this is a first step and is needed. He appreciated the discussion.

Action: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for installation of a bike lane.

All per the applicant's submittal.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the September 4, 2024, public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:

Seattle Municipal Code

23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

Certificate of approval required. No person shall alter, demolish, construct, reconstruct, restore, remodel, make any visible change to the exterior appearance of any structure, or to the public rights-of-way or other public spaces in a special review district, and no one shall remove or substantially alter any existing sign or erect or place any new sign or change the principal use of any building, or any portion of a building, structure or lot in a special review district, and no permit for such activity shall be issued unless a certificate of approval has been issued by the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

In addition to the Pioneer Square Preservation District Ordinance and Rules, The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation with Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings, and the complete series of Historic Buildings Preservation Briefs developed by the National Park Service shall serve as guidelines for proposed exterior alterations and treatments, rehabilitation projects, and new construction. (7/99)

Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values. (7/99) In considering rehabilitation projects, what is critical is the stabilization of significant historical detailing, respect for the original architectural style, and compatibility of scale and materials.

MM/SC/TH/JLT

4:0:0

Motion carried.

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Board Business

Ms. Nashem said this was the last meeting for Get Engaged member Tyler Hall. She appreciated his comments and thoughtfulness in board matters during his time on the board. She hoped he would apply for a position on the board.

Mr. Mueller appreciated Mr. Hall's consistency at meetings, his comments and his feedback.

Mr. Lorenzo-Torres concurred.

Mr. Hall said he enjoyed his time on the board and his only reluctance to apply for a position was his work schedule. He said he would reach out at some point.

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Report of the Chair

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Staff Report: Genna Nashem

Ms. Nashem updated the board on administrative approvals since last meeting.