



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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Staff REPORT

for Board meeting September 8, 2021

Board Members Please Note: The citations from the District Ordinance, Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District, and Secretary of the Interior's Standards listed below are for your consideration in addition to any other citations you find relevant in considering each application.

111021.21 **Pioneer Square Storm Drain Art and Rain Garden Project**

Sara Pizzo, Alliance for Pioneer Square
520 Occidental Ave S

Briefing on project to provide planting for a rain garden and protective railings to 4 tree pits, provide a street mural and provide educational signage on rain gardens and storm water runoff on Occidental Ave S, and to provide storm drain stencils throughout the district

Staff report: The existing guidelines do not have much guidance on art and educational installations. Usually, the Board has looked to assure that the installations avoid harm or obstruction of historic material, are durable and maintained as well as generally compatible with the District. In this case no historic materials are expected to be affected.

Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

- A. 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.

Pioneer Square Preservation District Rules

Administered by The Historic Preservation Program
The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

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XIV. STREET TREES AND VEGETATION

Median strips and permanent plant beds shall contain plants approved for urban conditions, combining evergreen shrubs with ground cover and, where appropriate, flowers.

Secretary of Interior's Standards

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 will 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.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

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