



The City of Seattle

## Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 203/21

### Staff REPORT

for Board meeting December 15, 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.

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#### **Welcome Figure**

Corner of Yesler and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Application to install a welcome figure artwork in the public space

Staff report: The Board had a briefing on the installation of the Welcome Figure in October 2019 as part of the overall redesign of the public space. The Board supported the project at the time. The installation of the artwork will be prior to other renovations of the public space but planning of the space has always included the intention of the artwork and the installation will not preclude the other work planned for the area.

Draft Motion: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for installation of the Welcome figure artwork as proposed.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the *December 15, 2021* public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

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,

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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**

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.

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