



The City of Seattle

## Landmarks Preservation Board

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### STAFF REPORT

LPB 203/22

**Property Name:** Hiawatha Playfield

**Address:** 2700 California Avenue SW

**Features and Characteristics for which a Certificate of Approval is required:**

Entire Playfield.

**Designated under Standards:**

C and D.

**Summary of proposed changes:** Proposed improvements to recreational play area at northeast corner of the park.

### PROPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for recreational area improvements at Hiawatha Playfield, 2700 California Avenue SW, as per the attached submittal.

### EXPLANATION AND FINDINGS

This action is based on the following:

1. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 A, *the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change would adversely affect the features or characteristics described in Ordinance 113090.*
  - a. The proposed area for alterations has previously been altered from the historic plan.

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2. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 B, *the reasonableness or lack thereof of the proposed alterations or significant change in light of other alternatives available to achieve the objectives of the owner and the applicant.*
  - a. The proposed relocation of the active play equipment and sport court appears reasonable, and less impactful to the park layout than other alternate locations.
  - b. The proposed relocation of play equipment is to mitigate the safety concern for falling tree limbs.
  - c. Removing the mature trees appears to be more impactful than relocating the play area.
3. The factors of SMC 25.12 .750 C, D and E are not applicable.
4. The proposed work as presented is consistent with the following Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as listed below (*or cite other applicable standards*):

Standard #9: *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.*