



The City of Seattle
Landmarks Preservation Board

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STAFF REPORT

LPB 283/22

Property Name: Green Lake Branch Library

Address: 7364 E Green Lake Way N

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

The site, the exterior of the building, and the interior of the main floor of the building excluding floor coverings, movable furniture and book stacks.

Designated under Standards:

C, D, E and F

Summary of proposed changes: Seismic improvements to the building, accessibility improvements to the site and building including an elevator, mechanical system upgrades, tenant improvements including replacement of the non-original circulation desk, and modifications to built-in library shelving to better serve contemporary programmatic needs.

PROPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for the proposed site improvements, and exterior and interior building alterations at the Green Lake Branch Library, 7364 E Green Lake Way N, 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 121106.*
 - a. The proposed alterations and changes to the site, and building exterior and interior, do not dramatically alter the characteristics of the designated features.

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 applicant has demonstrated the need and there are no reasonable alternatives.

3. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 C, *the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change may be necessary to meet the requirements of any law, statute, regulation, code or ordinance.*

- a. The proposed accessibility improvements are to comply with a code that allows a person to independently use a site and building.

- b. The proposed seismic improvements to the unreinforced masonry building are to comply with the code level of Damage Control, so that it will be more likely to remain intact and in safe operation following a significant earthquake.

4. The factors of SMC 25.12 .750 D and E are not applicable.

5. 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.