



The City of Seattle

International Special Review District

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ISRD 56/23

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, May 9, 2023

Time: 4:30pm
Place: Remote Meeting

Board Members Present

Heather Hargesheimer
Nella Kwan
Adrian Lam
Michael Le
Andy Yip

Staff

Rebecca Frestedt
Melinda Bloom

Absent

Ryan Gilbert
Ming Zhang

Chair Adrian Lam called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. He welcomed new board member Heather Hargesheimer.

050923.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 24, 2023

MM/SC/ML/NK 3:0:2 Minutes approved. Ms. Hargesheimer and Mr. Yip abstained.

February 14, 2023

MM/SC/AY/ML 4:0:1 Minutes approved. Ms. Hargesheimer abstained.

March 14, 2023

MM/SC/ML/AY 3:0:2 Minutes approved. Mmes. Hargesheimer and Kwan abstained.

050923.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

050923.3 CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

Administered by The Historic Preservation Program
The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

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Right-of-way adjacent to 1046 S. Jackson St.

Applicant: Paul de Barros, Jackson Street Jazz Trail

Design - artwork: Ms. Frestedt explained the application for proposed replacement graphics for kiosk. Graphics will be applied to a vinyl wrap that surrounds the existing kiosk.

John Gilbreath, Earshot Jazz presented on behalf of applicant Paul de Barros and author of *Jackson Street After Hours*. Mr. Gilbreath provided context of the kiosk, which was created to pay tribute to the history of the Jackson corridor, which as home to jazz clubs from the 1930s-1950s. He said existing imagery would be updated.

The wrap, which features the new imagery and text as shown in "Jackson Street Jazz Trail" design, is a piece of thin film with adhesive on one side. It wraps around both sides of the existing metal kiosk, which is 24" wide and has two sides, and is ½" thick, the total width of the wrap will be 49". It will be sealed on one of the side edges of the kiosk. It will be 74" high, as it will not cover the 4" of metal stand bolted to the sidewalk, which supports the kiosk. He proposed the addition of a QR code for updated information. He said the same graphic will cover both sides of the kiosk.

Ms. Frestedt said community involvement has been conducted with a positive response. She said this project could have been administratively reviewed but because of value to community, it was deemed appropriate to have board review and approval.

Mr. Yip said he supported the design and appreciated the opportunity for board review. He said the colors work with the Asian community and he thinks the design will be well-received.

Mr. Le asked if the Little Saigon community is aware of this project. He likes the photos and asked why they would be removed.

Mr. Gilbreath said the photos haven't weathered well and they couldn't find a way to make it permanent. He said hopefully there will be more opportunities to include photos and images. He noted there has been broad participation from the local community including Paul de Barros, Wing Luke Museum, Little Saigon, Stephanie Johnson Tolliver, and Ben Hunter, owner of the new Black and Tan.

Ms. Kwan appreciated the community engagement and recognition of the District's history.

Ms. Hargesheimer appreciated the community outreach and suggested the QR code could be better integrated into the overall design.

Mr. Gilbreath said it was added as an afterthought and will be better incorporated into the design.

Mr. Lam appreciated the improved graphic and appreciated the bold colors. He asked if the existing monument would be painted.

Mr. Gilbreath said the wrap will cover the entire monument.

Mr. Lam said it would be an improvement and the copy will commemorate history. He said he was interested in seeing more.

Mr. Gilbreath said there are plans for more.

Action: I move that the International Special Review District Board recommend approval of a Certificate of Approval for Design – artwork to be applied to the kiosk in the right-of-way adjacent to 1046 S. Jackson St. Final design with QR code to be reflected in final plan.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval, based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the May 9, 2023 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

This action is based on the **following applicable sections of the International Special Review District Ordinance:**

SMC 23.66.334 – Streets and Sidewalks

Secretary of the Interior Standard #10

MM/SC/ML/AY 5:0:0 Motion carried.

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STAFF SUMMARY and BOARD BUSINESS

Administrative approvals since March 14, 2023

Update on the status of the Draft Design Guidelines

Ms. Frestedt reported on administrative approvals done since last meeting.

A discussion about security gates ensued and while they are discouraged and alternatives are encouraged, during the height of the pandemic, windows were boarded and security system installation increased, with good reason. Ms. Frestedt said she has reached out to BIA, PDA, Interim, and Little Saigon to get their input if gates are supported. She said it is with resigned reluctance to allow security gates rather than see a business leave. She said it is economic sustainability versus visibility. She said design should be appropriate for location, consistent with SOI and be reversible. Responding to question she said gates at entrances only would be optimal but frequently windows are broken into; most gates are storefront windows, and this exists in numerous places in neighborhood. She said she would continue to work with owners to come up with alternatives. She said the board can be instructive to new design by discouraging recessed entries or conditions that would prompt request for security gates. She said window film is an option as it prevents entry.

Ms. Frestedt said the final draft of the revised Guidelines is on the website and she is working on publishing the SEPA notice. Changes are not substantive and are mostly formatting changes.

Ms. Frestedt noted a Seattle Times article about the district being listed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of most endangered places in America. She said this is done each year to elevate and raise awareness about imminent threats and adverse impacts to buildings, parks greenspace, streets etc. She said the nomination raises awareness of the importance of this place and speaks to possible impacts from Sound Transit, link light rail.

Mr. Lam asked the final decision of Sound Transit.

Ms. Frestedt said it will be part of the final EIS with analysis needed.

Mr. Lam expressed concern that they are bypassing the Chinatown International District.

Ms. Frestedt said it is being considered as part of analysis.

Ms. Lam asked about the role of Board voice in process.

Ms. Frestedt said it is important that the board understand that the board can have a discussion and make comments. She said there has been a lot of outreach along the alignment and she would arrange for an update. She shared link information and said members can comment as citizens, but not as board position.

Ms. Frestedt said the last two ISRD board member elections were by mail and noted that voting by mail has been more successful. She said community input on potential change to voting by mail rather than in person is needed.

Adjourn 6:00 pm.

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