



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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ARC/Staff Report

for Board meeting February 21,2024

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.

022124.43	<p>Occidental Park Pavilion 117 S Washington St Applicant: Seth Geiser, Downtown Seattle Association Proposed: installation of a lighted art feature as part of the Winter 2024 Light Art Festival</p>
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ARC/ Staff report:

The Board saw a briefing on the project at the Dec 5, 2023 meeting. This installation will be on the pavilion in Occidental Park. There will be other displays inside ground floor spaces in Pioneer Square that staff can issue Administrative Certificates of Approval for temporary use. This will be similar to the Seattle Restored program in that some locations will activate vacant storefront spaces. While in the past the Board has not approved permanent colored lighting of building features as compatible with the District, they have approved colored lighting as part of a temporary art display.

Draft Motion:

I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for installation of a lighted art feature on the Occidental Pavilion as part of the Winter 2024 Light Art Festival, All per the applicant’s submittal.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the *February 15, 2024* public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:

Seattle Municipal Code

23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

Certificate of approval required. No person shall alter, demolish, construct, reconstruct, restore, remodel, make any visible change to the exterior appearance of

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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.

Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District

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.

New construction must be visually compatible with the predominant architectural styles, building materials and inherent historic character of the District. (7/99) Although new projects need not attempt to duplicate original facades, the design process ought to involve serious consideration of the typical historic building character and detail within the District.

Secretary of Interior's Standards

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be taken 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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Pioneer Square Preservation Board Coordinator