



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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ARC/Staff Report

Board meeting June 5, 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.

060524.41 **3rd Ave S and S Main St**

Applicant: Jordan Monez, 4 Culture

Briefing regarding art installation

ARC/ Staff report: The Board reviewed and approved the 3rd Ave and S Main St buss improvement project on Feb 7th. The project was to include artwork. The artists had been selected but the specific artwork had not been developed. This briefing is for the design of the artwork. While the Guidelines do not have specific guidelines for art work, the Board has reviewed compatibility with the historic district in general including colors, materials and durability, pedestrian impacts. The Board has considered art as enhancing the cultural character of the district and has previously appreciated art that acknowledges, includes and brings to light the past and present Indigenous presence in Pioneer Square that is less represented in the current built environment.

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 any structure, or to the public rights-of-way or other public spaces in a special review

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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.

23.66.100 Creation of district, legislative findings and purpose

- A. During the City of Seattle's relatively brief history, it has had little time in which to develop areas of consistent historical or architectural character. It is recognized that the Pioneer Square area of Seattle contains many of these rare attributes and consequently is an area of great historical and cultural significance. Further, the regional sports stadiums, constructed in and near the Pioneer Square area, and the traffic and activities that they generate have resulted in adverse impacts upon the social, cultural, historic and ethnic values of the Pioneer Square area. To preserve, protect, and enhance the historic character of the Pioneer Square area and the buildings therein; to return unproductive structures to useful purposes; to attract visitors to the City; to avoid a proliferation of vehicular parking and vehicular-oriented uses; to provide regulations for existing on-street and off-street parking; to stabilize existing housing, and encourage a variety of new and rehabilitated housing types for all income groups; to encourage the use of transportation modes other than the private automobile; to protect existing commercial vehicle access; to improve visual and urban relationships between existing and future buildings and structures, parking spaces and public improvements within the area; and to encourage pedestrian uses, there is established as a special review district, the Pioneer Square Preservation District. The boundaries of the District are shown on Map A for 23.66.100¹ and on the Official Land Use Map.

Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

New construction must be visually compatible with the predominant architectural styles, building materials and inherent historic character of the District.

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¹Editor's note(s)—Map A is codified at the end of this chapter.