



The City of Seattle

## Landmarks Preservation Board

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**LPB 162/24**

### **STAFF REPORT ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

#### **University Library 5009 Roosevelt Way NE**

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 movable furniture).

Designated under Standards: C, D, E, and F

Summary of proposed changes: Site alterations including select tree removal and improved accessibility; exterior building rehabilitation including seismic improvements and two, proposed 1-story additions at the east face of the building; interior building alterations and rehabilitation including a new HVAC, elevator, finishes, lighting, and built-in shelving.

#### **Suggested Language for Approval:**

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for the proposed alterations to the site, building exterior, building interior, and additions at the University Library, 5009 Roosevelt Way NE, as per the attached submittal.

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 121104.
  - a. Although the proposed building additions are visible from the right-of-way, their location at the historic back (west side) of the building do not compete with the overall massing and roof forms.

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 presented massing options and explored design/material alternatives for the proposed building additions, to be responsive to Board feedback.
  - b. The applicant presented path/site alternatives to minimize visual impacts at the east side of the building; the location of the historic entry.
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 other law, statute, regulation, code or ordinance.
  - a. The proposed site alterations are extensive, but necessary for a new accessible route that accommodates people arriving via public transit and other means, beyond parking in the lot.
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:

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

Standard #10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken 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.