

The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 157/23

Staff

Genna Nashem

Melinda Bloom

MINUTES for Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Board Members

Kianoush Curran Maureen Elenga

Sage Kim

Karl Mueller

Maggie Sean

Steven Sparks Henry Watson

Absent

Jose Lorenzo-Torres Lindsay Pflugrath

Chair Maureen Elenga called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

060723.1 PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

060723.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 5, 2023

MM/SC/KC/KM 6:0:0 Minutes approved.

April 19, 2023

MM/SC/KC/SK 4:0:2 Minutes approved. Mr. Mueller and Ms. Sean

abstained.

060723.3 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Mr. Sparks arrived.

060723.31 Occidental Park

Applicant: Wes Dorn Seattle Downtown Association

Record number: DONH-COA-00937

Installation of a roller-skating rink July 8th – 15th

Wes Dorn and Michael Johnson, Downtown Seattle Association proposed temporary installation of a roller-skating rink July 8-15, 2023.

Mr. Johnson proposed installation of roller rink using the same fencing that was used for the ice rink in December. He said existing park tables and chairs would be moved out of the way for the duration of the activities and would be moved back into place afterward. He provided a site plan showing the location of rink, skate rental shed. There would be no attachments to the ground. Ambient and stage quality lighting will be brought in and will be turned off when the rink shuts down for the night (6:00 pm). He said that other programming proposed includes DJ and boombox music, mini-golf, face painting. He said walkways will be kept open.

Staff report: Ms. Nashem said the Board reviewed and approved a similar temporary ice rink in December of 2022. She said any visible change requires a Certificate of Approval except for temporary installation with no attachments of duration three days or less. She said the golf and arcade won't require Certificate of Approval for this reason.

Mr. Mueller noted the success of programming in the past and supported the project.

Action: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for: Construction of a roller rink in Occidental Park for July 8 - 15.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the June 7, 2023 public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

A. 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 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.

Pioneer Square Preservation District Rules

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

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.

Secretary of Interior's Standards

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will 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.

MM/SC/KM/KC 6:0:1 Motion carried. Mr. Stevens abstained.

060722.4 BOARD BUSINESS

060722.5 REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

O60722.6 STAFF REPORT: Genna Nashem Administrative Review report

Ms. Nashem went over administrative approvals granted May 3, 2023 through June 6, 2023.

Ms. Nashem said there is a lot in the works – Major League Baseball event for which she is waiting details, new businesses and restaurants, and briefings regarding two SDOT projects and an addition to One Yesler.

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