

Lumen Field/First & Goal, Inc.
Pioneer Square Preservation Board Application Narrative
Muckleshoot Canoe Project

Background

In July of 2020, First & Goal Inc. (FGI) and the Seattle Seahawks introduced the Pioneer Square Preservation Board to a vision for showcasing design elements of the Coast Salish people and the Muckleshoot Tribe at Lumen Field and Event Center. As a first step, we sought permission to install moon/salmon/canoe designs by Muckleshoot artist Tyson Simmons atop our main gates. At the conclusion of the 2020 application process, the Board approved enhancements to the north, northwest, and northeast gates of the stadium (gates 1, 2, and 3).



Since that time, FGI and the Seahawks have continued to grow a creative partnership with the Muckleshoot Tribe. These additional elements reside in the north stadium plaza, now called the Muckleshoot Heritage Plaza. The three following installations fall outside the Pioneer Square Preservation District:



The stair railing interprets traditional Salish fish designs in a series of medallions to represent a school of salmon swimming upstream.



The Mural is a modern design embodying the living and growing culture of today's Muckleshoot people with illustrations of tribal traditions along with the land and water that have sustained the tribe throughout history.



Welcome figures with hands outstretched are traditional Salish cedar statues. They are hand-carved from clear, old-growth cedar. These statues add the modern elements of Seahawks headdresses and team colors.

The goal of this partnership is two-fold: to give the stadium a truly unique design character that honors the rich history of the Puget Sound region and to acquaint the 2+ million annual guests at Lumen Field and Event Center with the beauty, the pride, and the heritage of the Muckleshoot people.

The Proposed Project

We are now seeking approval to install a bronze representation of a traditional tribal canoe. It is designed by the Muckleshoot Tribal Artist Group. This project represents the final installment envisioned in our creative partnership.



Interior view of the proposed canoe on the Muckleshoot Heritage Plaza lawn.



The canoe will not be visible outside the Lumen Field gates.

Canoe Overview

Canoe Base	Length: 45 feet	Width: 4 feet	Height: 3 feet	Color & Material: Aged Bronze
Canoe Paddles	Depth: ~4 inches	Width: 18 inches	Height: 5 feet & 6 inches	Color & Material: Aged Bronze
Foundation	Length: 47 feet	Width: 6 feet	Height: Flush with adjacent	Color & Material: Gray Concrete

The individual bronze sections will be anchored to the concrete base. The structure is designed to be safe and sturdy – fully able to withstand the weight of any adult who might choose to sit on it. All edges are blunted and rounded (no sharp edges). See attachment for detailed specifications.