



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 69/21

MINUTES for Wednesday May 19, 2021

Lynda Collie
Kianoush Curran
Sam Dawson
Alise Kuwahara Day
Brendan Donckers
Audrey Hoyt
Alex Rolluda, Chair
Felicia Salcedo

Staff
Genna Nashem
Melinda Bloom

Vice Chair Kianoush Curran called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per Washington State Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28.5. Meeting participation is limited to access by the WebEx meeting link or the telephone call-in line provided on agenda.

Roll Call

Lynda Collie	Present
Kianoush Curran	Present
Sam Dawson	Present
Alise Kuwahara Day	Present
Brendan Donckers	Present
Audrey Hoyt	Present
Alex Rolluda, Chair	Absent
Felicia Salcedo	Present

051921.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
April 21, 2021 Deferred.

051921.2 PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no live public comment. An email from the Alliance for Pioneer Square was distributed to the Board.

051921.3 APPLICATIONS

051921.31 4th Ave Connector Bike Lane

4th Ave to Dilling Way S to Yesler to 2nd Ave S

Proposed installation of a protected bike lane along including alterations to the right of way

Presentation packet in DON file.

Sara Colling, SDOT provided an overview of the project to create a network for biking downtown for all ages and abilities. She said this project is a piece of that. She said it will look similar to the 2nd Avenue PBL with 10' wide two-way lanes and paint and post buffer. She said north of Jefferson the lane will be on the west side and they are using the travel lane so there won't be any modifications to road, curb or sidewalk. She said green driveway treatment will alert drivers to look out for bikes. She said a new signal head for bicycles will be installed on an existing pole. She said the same treatment will be used south of Jefferson.

She said parking will be removed from the north side of Dilling Way to put in two-way PBL. Four existing ADA parking spaces will be relocated to the south curb. She said asphalt road surface will be repaired. She said bikes will come up on the sidewalk. 'Bikes Yield to Pedestrians' signage and white bicycle dots will be added. sidewalk will be repaired and the drain will be cleared. She said tree roots will be ground down, chestnut color flexi-pave added in tree pit

Ms. Colling provided an example of what 3rd and Yesler will look like and noted wide bike ramp 10' north of existing curb ramp. Tactile pads to be Federal Yellow; if cast-iron is preferred it will have to be requested formally. She said the 3rd and Yesler northwest corner will get a new painted bicycle/pedestrian curb bulb. Existing southbound right turn slip to be closed and turns restricted. She said the west sidewalk will be realigned to match new ramp locations. She said a future Prefontaine project will formalize the northwest curb bulb with concrete and install ADA ramps. She said the PBL connects with 2nd Avenue PBL at 2nd and Yesler intersection.

Ms. Colling said outreach had been done to Alliance for Pioneer Square, Pioneer Square Preservation Board, King County Court, business stakeholders and others. She said signal work is proposed to be done this spring; concrete and asphalt work this summer; and bike lane in September 2021.

Staff report: Ms. Nashem said this project was seen at a briefing in April 2021 and at May 12, 2021 board meeting where quorum was lost. While the Board does not have review over the use of the right of way, meaning if cars drive on the road or bicycles drive on the road, the Board has preview over any installations, paint colors or other physical alterations and demolitions in the rights of way.

The Board had originally required that planters be used on 2nd Ave S rather than plastic delineators except where delineators were necessary in areas such as pickup/drop off zones. There was a stretch of 2nd Ave where people were using the planters as benches and it was causing unsafe pedestrian and bicycle interactions. The Board approved removal and replacement with plastic delineators, after the fact, on this block and for the plastic delineators to be installed in a new section of bike lane extending from that site.

This project would also install the plastic delineators. While signage and green striping appears to have been installed as part of the 2nd Ave Bike lane those items were not included in the application submitted and reviewed by the Board.

There are several planning processes going on in this area including that Parks is looking at improvements to City Hall Park and Prefontaine Fountain plaza. SDOT is also looking at the area around Prefontaine Fountain and the tunnel head house as well as looking at Fortson Square in collaboration with the Chief Seattle Club. The Alliance for Pioneer Square currently has a project to try to compile all the planning in this area which is called the Northeast Pioneer Square Framework Plan.

Ms. Collie said the project is good for the community. She expressed concern with maintenance of delineators and said they break and are potentially dangerous. She said to make sure there is a robust maintenance system in place.

Serena Lehman, SDOT said they are working with the maintenance team to set up routine plan to maintain and clean the network. She said they were funded for capital project and are now seeking funding for maintenance.

Ms. Curran asked if there are plans for replacement parking for the parking that will be removed.

Ms. Lehman said just removal. She noted outreach was done and replacement parking not requested.

Mr. Dawson had no comment.

Ms. Kuwahara Day asked where the ADA parking is shown on plans. She said the project is beneficial for the neighborhood and will enhance this area. She said she was not opposed to the Federal Yellow tactile pads and heard they were more accessible to visually impaired.

Ms. Curran noted the general agreement of support for the project and said it is an important transportation enhancement for the neighborhood. She noted the Federal Yellow tactile pad to address safety concerns.

Action: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for: Installation of the 4th Ave Connector bike lane as presented.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the May 19, 2021 public

meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.030 Certificates 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 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

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.

- D. Color. Building facades are primarily composed of varied tones of red brick masonry or gray sandstone. Unfinished brick, stone, or concrete masonry unit surfaces may not be painted. Painted color is typically applied to wooden window sash, sheet metal ornament and wooden or cast iron storefronts. Paint colors shall be appropriate to ensure compatibility within the District. (7/99)

XV. STREET LIGHTING

The three-globe Chief Seattle bronze base light fixture currently used in the District will be the approved street lighting standard. Additional alternative lighting standards and fixtures that are compatible with the historic character of the District

may be approved by the Board for installation in conjunction with three-globe fixtures as needed to improve pedestrian-level lighting and public safety. (7/03)

XVI. SIGNAL STANDARDS

The traffic signal standard shown in Attachment B is recommended as the standard throughout the District. No mast arms or span wires will be approved.

XVII. SIDEWALK TREATMENT

A. Standards

Sidewalk paving and improvements shall be completed with one pound lamp-black per cubic yard of concrete, scored at two-foot intervals. This material shall be used for all projects of 1/4 block or greater size. On small projects, if it is feasible, sidewalk material may be selected as for all projects of 1/4 block or greater size. On small projects, if it is feasible, sidewalk material may be selected to match adjacent sidewalks in color, pattern and texture.

Secretary of Interior's Standards

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.

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 will 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.

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/SD/LC 6:0:0 Motion carried.

051921.4 BOARD BUSINESS

051921.5 REPORT OF THE CHAIR: Alex Rolluda, Chair

051921.6 STAFF REPORT: Genna Nashem

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