



The City of Seattle

## Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 124/11

**MINUTES** for Wednesday, June 1, 2011

### Board Members

Ann Brown  
Erin Doherty, Vice Chair  
Adam Hasson  
Ryan Hester  
Miriam Hinden  
Lorne McConachie, Chair  
Jessica Miller  
Willie Parish  
Tija Petrovich

### Staff

Genna Nashem  
Melinda Bloom

### Absent

Chair Lorne McConachie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

*The Chair reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda*

**060111.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
May 18, 2011  
MM/SC/RH/TP 6:0:1 Minutes approved. Ms. Miller abstained.

**060111.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL**

**060111.21 2nd Ave Ext Bridge; 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Bridge and S. Jackson St Bridge**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Ext between S Jackson St and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave; 4<sup>th</sup> Ave between S Jackson St and Airport Ways; Jackson St between 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S

Installation of seismic retrofits to bridges

Staff Report: Ms. Nashem explained that the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Bridge has been altered and is partially integrated into the Union Station development garage. She said that the Board will not be reviewing any of the work that is on the interior of the garage. The bridges are visible from the King Street Station and track platforms. The installation of Second

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Ave Ext is a significant event in the development of Pioneer Square and many buildings are contributing to the district because they were affected by the Second Ave Ex. Although the bridges are not individually listed as resources in the National Register nomination the significance of Second Ave Ext is addressed. The triangle opening is called out as a resource.

Kit Loo, SDOT provided a 'Project Location and Description' handout summarizing the project which he went over for Board members (document available in DON file). He explained that the additional beam will cross over the triangular open space and they are building another steel strut to brace the entire area. He said that the beam size will be smaller than existing.

*Mr. Hasson arrived at 9:06 a.m.*

Mr. Loo said that the steel beam will connect in the same location as shown at U and V in the drawing. He provided a plan to show the detail which he went over with Board members.

*Ms. Hinden arrived at 9:10 a.m.*

Mr. Loo provided paint sample which he said matches the color of the pergola.

Mr. Hester noted that the work falls under "life/safety" and noted that the beam will be painted a compatible color is visually minimalistic. He questioned what the Board's purview is regarding life/safety issues.

Ms. Nashem explained that Board should weigh the impact to historical fabric compared to the life/safety issue being addressed; the Board can discuss if there are alternatives to accomplish the same result.

Mr. McConachie noted the differentiation of the work being done today from old. He asked about the condition of the railings.

Mr. Loo said that the barriers are intact with no signs of deterioration. Responding to questions he said that the columns will be 'jacketed' from top to bottom; he noted there are no decorative elements on the columns. He said the steel jackets will be installed to concrete. He explained that the circle shape is the most efficient way to do this and noted bulging issues during pressurized grouting in other shapes. He said the jackets will confine the existing columns and during a seismic event the column will move around but won't collapse. Asked about the option of flaring the jackets he said that it depends on where the footing is and they will look at each on a case by case basis.

Ms. Nashem reminded Board members that the Jackson Street work is all underground and is part of the parking garage at Union Station; the Board will not review that portion of the work.

Mr. Loo, responding to clarifying questions, said that they are not going down into the pilings, and that they are looking at the super structure above ground. He said that the columns are built with vertical steel and they will snip the top of the vertical connection on the outside steel bars to decrease loads where needed.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Miller commented that it seems that just the open form of the triangle and railing are called out in the National Register nomination and the railing is unaffected by this project. She said that the addition doesn't change the eligibility of the triangle.

Ms. Doherty agreed.

Mr. McConachie said that all the work is in keeping with the spirit of the original, noting the "rough and tumble" spirit of Pioneer Square.

Ms. Hinden agreed and said it is unfortunate the octagonal column shape can't be kept but noted there is a good reason why not and that this is not a precedent.

Mr. McConachie said that only the ends are impacted and there will be historic record in the center that will remain untouched.

Action: I move to approve a Certificate of Approval for the project as presented.

Code Citations:

Secretary of Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation

MM/SC/JM/AB 9:0:0 Motion carried.

### **060111.3 BOARD BUSINESS**

Mmes. Miller, Doherty and Hinden shared their experiences attending the Historic Preservation conference noting that it was the first time it had been merged with the Main Street Communities conference. It was noted that there were sessions on restoration of historic windows, use of GIS technology to catalog historic resources and their uses, as well as the challenge of the lack of proper utility infrastructure.

### **060111.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR: Lorne McConachie, Chair**

### **060111.6 STAFF REPORT: Genna Nashem**

Ms. Nashem went over changes to the sign portion of the code and said she would email them to the Board.

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