



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

PSB 85/07

DATE: April 4, 2007
PLACE: City Hall, Room L280
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sonja Sokol Furesz
John De Lanoy
Lorne McConachie
Doug Ito
Adam Hasson
David Strauss
Tina Bueche
Rick Friedhoff

Staff:

Genna Nashem
Joanne Walby

Absent:

Alex Bennett
Sara-Jane Bellanca

040407.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from March 21, 2007
Moved to adopt the minutes as presented.
MM/SC/AH/RF 4:0:1 Mr. De Lanoy abstained.

Mr. McConachie arrived at 9:02am

040407.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

040407.22 Old Firehouse Building Chris Hanley, Skip Downing
110 Alaskan Way
Change of Use: From antique sales and repair to hotel on three floors, parking on two floors and retail/office space on ground floor.
Façade alteration: Rehabilitation of existing building including removing brick façade, adding steel structure and replacing original brick with some brick in fill and installing new wood windows.
Addition and Corridor: Add ½ floor at the third floor level and a new fourth floor.
Add a corridor that connects north façade to the neighboring building.
Application Postponed.

Mr. Strauss arrived at 9:05

Ms. Sokol Furesz arrived at 9:07

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DESIGN GUIDELINES WORKSESSION

Review final draft of design guidelines for North Lot.

The Board reviewed the draft guidelines and made the following changes:
Mr. Hasson asked about the allowance of a setback on Occidental. Other Board members noted that this was covered in sections 4.3 and 4.5 of the proposed guidelines.

Mr. Freidhoff asked if the guidelines on page 5 that mentions window transparency would preclude the use of Low-E windows at ground level. He said that energy efficiency is a cited as a priority in the guidelines and he said he wanted to make sure these are not conflicting features. Mr. Ito said the guidelines are meant to discourage copper and “smoke”-tinted glass at street level and that each application would be judged on its own merits.

Mr. McConachie suggested they clarify the language in the guidelines to describe how Occidental Street does not terminate at the new construction site, but rather jogs. He noted that there is mention of the Weller Street’s Pedestrian Bridge.

Mr. Strauss noted that as it is written, the guidelines would discourage a setback here, however, he noted that this is discretionary. Ms. Nashem cited guidelines that said “street walls could be interrupted by continuation of pedestrian paths.” Ms. Sokol Furesz read section 4.1.3 from the proposed guidelines “promotes continuation of pedestrian connection at Weller St...”

After further discussion, the Board agreed to include language that states that Weller Street pedestrian bridge terminates and Occidental “jogs” at the site.

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BOARD BUSINESS

Mona Grife, Coordinator for the Get Engaged program, gave a brief history of the program and asked the Board members for any feedback on recruitment of new Get Engaged Board members and suggestions for training materials for new Board members. Ms. Grife explained that she is currently recruiting at local colleges, non-profits, cafés, radio stations and newspapers. Mr. Ito asked if advertising was done through AIA and Ms. Grife said it was.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR: Tina Bueche, Chair

There was no report of the Chair.

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STAFF REPORT: Genna Nashem

Ms. Nashem said that interview for the open Board positions will be conducted April 23 and 24. She invited any interested Board members to contact her if they would like to participate in the interview process.

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