



The City of Seattle

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

PSB 188/09

DATE: July 1, 2009
PLACE: City Hall, Room L280
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Doug Ito
Catherine Person
Ann Brown
Erin Doherty
Miriam Hinden
Jeremie Lipton

Staff:

Genna Nashem
Melinda Bloom

Absent

Lorne McConachie
Ryan Hester
Adam Hasson

Chair Doug Ito called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

070109.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of June 17, 2009
MM/SC/ED/AB

4:0:2 Minutes approved. Ms. Person and Mr. Lipton abstained.

070109.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

070109.21 Hair Gallery
Fulton Building
318 2nd Ave

Installation of new business signage

Applicant Comment:

James McClinton said he would like to move the proposed awning signage to the front of the awning.

Mr. Ito said it was not allowed the side or on the slope and in order to put the signage on the front of the awning the "318" building number would have to be removed and perhaps put the number on the glass with vinyl.

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"Printed on Recycled Paper"

While Ms. Person said the signage seemed excessive Mr. Ito said he thought it discreet and that what would be put up is the vinyl lettering sans the black background.

Discussion of the letter size on the A-Board sign resulted that all letters are under 10". "Hair Gallery" would be up to 3"; "Walk-ins, telephone number" would be up to 1 1/2" and "Open" would be 2".

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Doherty said the signage was discreet and seems compatible.

Ms. Brown noted the lack of any transparency issues.

Mr. Ito agreed and said the letters and size are discrete and compatible with the building.

Action: I move to approve a Certificate of Approval for installation of window and door signage and an A-Board to be placed either at the building side or at the curb and for "Hair Gallery" to be applied to the front of the awning, not on the sides, with the address being allowed to be moved to the door in vinyl not to exceed 10 inches per:

Code Citations:

District Rules XX. Rules for Transparency, Signs, Awnings and Canopies

- A. Transparency
 - B. General signage regulations
 - C. Specific Signage Regulations
 - 1. Letter Size
 - D. Neon signs
- SMC 23.66.160 Signs C.1

MM/SC/CP/AB

6:0:0 Motion carried.

070109.22

First and Yesler

Sewer repairs in the street

ARC Report: ARC reviewed the drawings provided. In response to questions asked, Mr. Kim explained that the sewer pipes are among many utilities that they are coordinating with including the water main. In addition to the concern about the historic building and areaways, they want to limit vibrations to not disturb the water main. They may have to remove and replace the tip of the medium and will replace it in-kind. The construction is expected to take three weekends starting in July and is being planned around events. The work will be during the day. They will pump around the area being worked on so there will be no interruption of sewer service in Pioneer Square. ARC recommends approval.

Staff Report: Proposal appears to meet district rules and code.

Applicant Comment:

Kim Young, SPU, explained the project to repair 18' of sewer line that would involve replacement of a section of pipe. A bypass will be installed so that there will be no sewer back up during the work. He said timing is critical to getting this work done, the pipe is in bad condition and they are rushing to work with the weather. They hope to start the 3rd or 4th

weekend in July and the work will last about three weeks; work will be done on weekends only.

Mr. Ito noted this sewer serves many building and is a combined storm and sanitary drain; work must be done during the dry season.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Brown asked about scheduling and noted all the sports events coming up at Safeco and Qwest fields.

Mr. Young said that SDOT deals with events and traffic control.

Ms. Doherty asked about the size of the trench and noted that it didn't seem close to areaways or building foundations.

Mr. Kim explained they would be monitoring the work. He said some areas may have to be hand dug because of the utilities.

Action: I move to approve a Certificate of Approval for the installation of sewer repairs and repaving as proposed per

Code Citations:

District Rules III General Guidelines for Rehabilitation and New Construction

G. Street Paving

23.66.030 Certificates of Approval

23.66.190 Streets and Sidewalks

MM/SC/ED/MH

6:0:0 Motion carried.

070109.23

Wall Sign

Squire Center Building

901 Occidental Ave S

Ms. Nashem explained that the application originally had the contradictory measurements we have seen before, once corrected they adjusted the sign frame to be 28 feet and the painted area 3 feet so that the sign does not go over 31 feet high. The sign frame was originally approved at 31 feet. She explained that the product or business advertised on the sign must be sold or manufactured on site, or business conducted on site. She explained that is why the website of another company could not be on the sign. She said she Googled "Gobeyond3g" and did not get Clearwire so there removing the ".com" should be sufficient. Ms. Nashem noted the revised documents reflected the sign is within size limits, but clarified that it has not been measured by DPD.

Mr. Ito said ARC reviewed the drawings and renderings provided and said it was an improvement on the Pepsi sign – that is the design and color were more in keeping with the District and neighborhood.

Ms. Brown asked if the Fourpoints section of the sign is on a board or if it is affixed to the wall.

Mr. Pidgeon said the adhesive letters are on the black wall.

Mr. Ito asked if the white letters were on black vinyl on the wall or were they individual letters affixed to the painted wall.

Mr. Pidgeon said the vinyl letters were to go on the painted surface but that maybe the installer used a black composite material.

Mr. Ito stated that if anything changes on an application it has to come back before anything goes up; if a composite material has been used that still needs to be reviewed by the Board. He suggested bringing the sign guy along to a meeting.

Ms. Nashem asked if they would be selling the product there.

Mr. Pidgeon said they will have a Clearwire kiosk with live internet and noted that Clearwire is only available in certain zip codes so customers can try it there.

Mr. Ito asked for clarification that the product on the sign is actually sold there.

Mr. Pidgeon said yes and that in the future they might do some exterior vending/promotional events but would come back to Board for that.

Ms. Nashem noted there are also other vending regulations having to do with the Stadium on Occidental.

Mr. Pidgeon provided a sample of the mesh material.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Board members determined they had enough information to make a decision.

Action: I move to approve a Certificate of Approval for the installation of new sign copy as proposed per

Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.160

Clarifying that Fourpoints Specialties Suite 102 will be semi-permanent and is applied directly to the building; applicant will bring installation information to Staff.

MM/SC/CP/MH

6:0:0 Motion carried.

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LIMN

Polson Building
629 Western Ave

Applicant no-show.

070109.25

Bread of Life Mission

97 S Main St

Removal of non original doors and replacement with a new door

Ms. Nashem said the door has already been installed. The door removed does not appear to be original. A photo from 1972 shows the doors, but a copy of a 1930's photo is not clear enough to see the doors.

Mr. Ito said ARC discussed that if the applicant had gone before the Board first they would have been able to help him find a door that meet the needs of the Mission and was more compatible with the building. ARC members discussed that the previous door was not original and also was not compatible and that we do not know what the original door looked liked. ARC discussed that the door fit within the existing opening and did not remove or cover any architectural features and the work can easily be changed in the future. ARC recommended that the applicant paint the door the same color as the frame rather than an accent color to help the door fade away. ARC members expressed that considering the circumstances that were discussed they did not feel that it was necessary to deny the installation of the door.

Willie Parish apologized for not going through the proper protocol and explained that he was new to the job. He explained the door will be painted to match the brown on the windows and trim.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Brown said it is very viewable and an improvement over what was there.

Ms. Doherty said the unique situation was a public safety issue and made it clear that this was a unique condition and it would not be setting precedent for other project review.

Mr. Ito said this discussion is project and building specific and would not in any way influence any other decision the Board may make on other Social Service providers or any other building owners or future work at this site.

Action: I move to approve a Certificate of Approval for the new door as installed but painted to match the existing brown paint TAC21883T/M Chips by Sherwin Williams per:

Code Citation:

District Rules III General Guidelines for Rehabilitation and New Construction

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6:0:0 Motion carried.

070109.3 BOARD BUSINESS

Ms. Nashem reminded Board members to provide vacation schedules to her because of the need to ensure a quorum at meetings.

Mr. Ito noted the Alaska Building sign was repainted in the late 1970s; the original was pale blue and white.

Ms. Nashem asked the Board if there was interest in training on interpretation of on/off premise signage. The Board agreed they would like training.

070109.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR: Doug Ito, Chair

070109.6 STAFF REPORT: Genna Nashem

9:40 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Genna Nashem
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