



The City of Seattle

# Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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PSB 79/24

## ARC/Staff Report

ARC meeting March 20, 2024

Board Members Please Note: The citations from the District Ordinance, Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District, and Secretary of the Interior’s Standards listed below are for your consideration in addition to any other citations you find relevant in considering each application.

<b>032024.42</b>	<p><b>South Plaza/Stadium Plaza/Railroad Way Plaza</b></p> <p>Between Occidental Ave S and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S</p> <p>Applicant: Friends of the Waterfront</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> installation of infrastructure that will display community art and serve as seating</p>
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### ARC/ Staff report:

This project is to provide furnishings for the plaza when the plaza formerly opens. The applicant does not have the specific art proposed for the panels but has selected an artist. Staff suggested that if they were to have information signage about the art to develop a template for the art information that could be approved for each of the installations. No information signage is provided at this time. The benches that are referred to in the guidelines have been replaced in Occidental Park and replaced by individual tables and chairs. Benches in City Hall Park and benches on the sidewalk are their own design as well responding to the context of their placement.

### Draft Motion:

**I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for installation of movable infrastructure that will display community art and serve as seating**  
All per the applicant’s submittal.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the *March 20, 2024* public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:

## **Seattle Municipal Code**

### **23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required**

Certificate 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 one shall remove or substantially alter any existing sign or erect or place any new sign or change the principal use of any building, or any portion of a building, structure or lot 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.

## **Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District**

### **XI. STREET FURNITURE**

The cast iron and wood benches located in Pioneer Place Park and Occidental Park are the standard for the District. Approval to install benches will be determined by need and availability. All other elements of street furniture will be reviewed by the Board as to their specific compatibility within the Preservation District. This review will be extended to all bus shelters, bollards, signal boxes, mailboxes, pay phones, trash receptacles, newspaper stands, and vending carts which are both permanent and mobile. Pay phones, mail boxes, trash receptacles, and newspaper stands shall be located in the sidewalk zone adjacent to the curb, in line with street trees and light standards to reduce impediments to pedestrian flow and to avoid obscuring visibility into street level retail storefronts. (7/99, 7/03)

### **Secretary of Interior's Standards**

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be taken 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.

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