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Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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Staff REPORT

for Board meeting February 1, 2023

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.

020123.31 **Public Litter and Recycling Cans in the Public Right of Way and Parks**

Applicant: Jenny Frankl, SPU and Amy Lindemuth, Parks

Install new style of litter and recycling cans. There are 30 distinct locations where SPU Public Litter & Recycling Cans are placed within the Pioneer Square neighborhood. There are also three parks where public litter & recycling cans are placed that are managed by Seattle Public Utilities.

Staff report: This is a follow up briefing from a briefing held April 27, 2022. During that briefing the Board discussed the while the design of the proposed cans do not contribute historic character of the neighborhood, neither did over flowing or scattered garbage and recycling, therefor they acknowledged the need for a functional style of garbage can. Seeing the proposal to use historic photos on the cans proposed for Occidental Park, the Board thought that the historic photos would help all the cans to better fit in the District. A second briefing on Jan 18 showed the historic photos proposed. The Board was satisfied with the photos. The applicants said that the cans connect and are heavy so in most locations they will not need to be secured to the ground but that in locations where they determine that they need to be secured to the ground that any attachments in location where there is brick or cobble will be made in the mortar joints and the brick or cobble.

Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

- A. 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

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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.

Pioneer Square Preservation District Rules

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.

Guidelines for Setting (Historic District)

To meet the Standards for Rehabilitation, new site elements should:

- Be compatible with the historic character of the property.

Basic guidance for new site features that will meet the Standards is:

- New site features should be compatible with the building(s) and the significant landscape features on the site. Additionally, new site features should be consistent with the historic use of the property.
- New site features should be as unobtrusive as possible in both location and design.
- New site features should preserve the historic relationship between the building(s) and the significant landscape features.

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