



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 59/09

MINUTES OF THE October 1, 2009 MEETING

TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Ballard Neighborhood Service Center
5604 22nd Avenue NW

BOARD MEMBERS

Kathleen Durham
Joseph Herrin
Jim Riggle, Vice Chair
Tobin Thompson, Chair
Patrick Wellnitz

STAFF

Heather McAuliffe

Absent:

Richard Hiner

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Board Chair, Tobin Thompson.

100109.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

100109.11 Cobblestone Salon
2307 NW Market Street
Helen Nielsen

Application: Approval for signage installed in storefront.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe provided background information on the signs. "Cobblestone Salon" and "Hair Styling" consist of painted letters and there is a neon "Haircuts" sign. She clarified that the "Open" sign is an incandescent backlit box sign, not a neon sign. She distributed photos and sign specifications. The relevant guideline was 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: Helen Nielsen confirmed that the storefront has 16' of frontage.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the neon sign met the sign guidelines. The Board discussed the angled painted “Cobblestone Salon” sign and whether it blocked too much space in the storefront window. The Board concurred that the “Open” sign would not meet the guidelines since it was backlit. The applicant withdrew her request for the “Open” sign. The Board determined that without the “Open” sign, the storefront window appeared less cluttered and would be acceptable.

Motion: Patrick Wellnitz made a motion to approve the application as amended by the applicant.

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100109.12 Fresh Flours
5313 Ballard Ave NW
Etsuko Minematsu

Application: Approval to install blade sign and vinyl window signs.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe provided relevant background and distributed exhibits from the application. The relevant guideline was 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: Keiji Koh and Jeff Woodward were present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Koh indicated that the blade sign would be “Oyster” like the proposed window signs rather than white as shown. They showed color samples for the window lettering. They noted that the address sign shown in the drawings had been withdrawn.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: The Board determined that the blade sign met the sign guidelines. Board members next discussed the proposed window lettering and discussed whether or not it would obscure the windows too much. The Board reviewed Guideline 7. Transparency where it states that, “Windows at street level shall permit visibility into the business, and visibility shall not be significantly obscured by frosting, etching, extensive signage, etc.” Mr. Thompson conducted a straw poll to determine if the Board members thought it met this guideline. Board members indicated that it did.

Motion: Joseph Herrin made a motion to approve the application as amended by the applicant to change the blade sign to the color “Oyster”.

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100109.2 BOARD BUSINESS

100109.21 Approval of 2010 Board meeting calendar.

The Board approved the 2010 meeting calendar.

100109.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes were available.

100109.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR: There was no report.

100109.5 STAFF REPORT: There was no report.

Patrick Wellnitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joseph Herrin seconded the motion.

9:52 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe
Board Coordinator