



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 63/08

MINUTES OF THE November 6, 2008 MEETING

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

BOARD MEMBERS

John Bureson, Vice Chair
Steven Mako, Chair
Marnie McGrath
Jim Riggle
Tobin Thompson

STAFF

Heather McAuliffe

Absent:

Richard Hiner

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Board Chair, Steven Mako.

110608.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

110608.11 Horseshoe
5344 Ballard Ave NW
Jill Andersen

Application: Request to install vinyl signage on storefront.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe explained that one sign will be installed in storefront window; a second sign will be installed on the entry door. She distributed a photo, a rendering and an elevation drawing. The relevant guideline was 13. Signs.

There were no comments from the applicant or the public.

Board Discussion: John Bureson asked if the color of the signage would be true to what was shown in the rendering. The applicant confirmed that it would be. The Board determined that the proposed signage met the transparency guideline also. Because there was no color sample available, the Board decided to approve the signage on the condition that it would be the same color as what was shown in the rendering.

Motion: John Bureson made a motion to approve the application as presented, with the condition that the colors conform to the rendering.

MM/SC/JB/JR
5-0-0

110608.12 Marvin's Garden Park
5400 Ballard Ave NW
Kathleen Conner

Application: Request to remove three park benches.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe provided written and verbal background information about the application. The Parks Department proposed to remove three of the benches due to public safety issues in the park. She distributed copies of a site plan and photos. The relevant guidelines were Purpose/Goals and Criteria/Values.

Applicant Comment: Kathleen Conner from the Parks Department introduced Patrick Donohue and Royal Alley-Barnes, also from the Parks Department. They explained that, in response to complaints from the community, they have tried several strategies to reduce illegal activity in the park but none of them have been successful. The benches would be sawn off and the remaining rebar at the base would be covered over. The desire effect is to attract all people to the park and to make them feel safe. The density of the benches is being targeted as the problem. Rocks that can serve as seating may be added in the future. The remaining benches will have separation handles added eventually; the Parks Department would return for this change and also a new landscape plan for the park.

Public Comment: Judith LaScolla, who co-owns the building next to the park, spoke in support of the proposal.

Board Discussion:

Marnie McGrath stated that she was uncomfortable with the proposal to remove the benches only.

John Bureson asked why only three benches were proposed for removal.

Royal Alley-Barnes explained that the Parks Department does not like to remove benches punitively for legitimate users.

Heather McAuliffe referred the Board to the Purpose/Goals and Criteria/Values sections of the Guidelines.

Steve Mako asked about completely revising the design of the park.

Royal Alley-Barnes answered that there was no funding available to redesign the park.

Kathleen Conner suggested that the community could apply for a Matching Fund from the city to help pay for redesigning the park.

Tobin Thompson said that the proposal appeared to be aligned with the district's goals. The other board members concurred.

Jim Riggle encouraged the Parks Department to do more with the park.

Motion:

MM/SC/MM/JB
5-0-0

110608.2 BOARD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the draft 2009 Board calendar of meeting dates and determined that the meeting in September should be moved to the second Thursday, September 10, so as not to conflict with potential Board member vacations on Labor Day weekend.

John Burreson made a motion to approve the draft 2009 Board meeting calendar as amended.

MM/SC/MM/JB
5-0-0

110608.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the October 12, 2008 meeting.

Motion: John Burreson made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/JB/MM
4-0-1 (Tobin Thompson abstained)

110608.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR: Steve Mako reported that he had made a site visit with staff at the Ballard Landmark Inn to address Board concerns about non-

compliance with the approved design. In particular, the Board had expressed dissatisfaction with the texture of the stucco applied to the historic façade. Staff explained that since the Board expected the applicant to duplicate the original texture but was not shown an actual sample, it is not enforceable. Steve Mako suggested that the Board ask for more details, color and material samples when reviewing applications in the future. There was a discussion about the metal railing on the addition to the Wilson Ford building, and the fact that it was not supposed to be visible due to landscaping in front of it. There is no landscaping, however, so the railing is visible. Heather McAuliffe said she would notify the applicant that there must be landscaping added to conceal it.

110608.5 **STAFF REPORT:** There was no report.

Marnie McGrath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Burreson seconded the motion.

10:05 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe
Board Coordinator