



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 26/09

MINUTES OF THE May 7, 2009 MEETING

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

BOARD MEMBERS

John Bureson, Vice Chair
Diana Fernan
Richard Hiner
Steven Mako, Chair
Marnie McGrath
Jim Riggle
Tobin Thompson

STAFF

Heather McAuliffe

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Board Chair, Steven Mako.

050709.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

050709.11 Designheavy
5009 20th Ave NW
Jeff Lacoste

Application: Proposed vinyl lettering on storefront door.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed a site plan, photos and drawings. The relevant guidelines were 7. Transparency and 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: The applicant explained that his business logo and other information would be added in two locations on the door.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the proposal met the transparency and sign guidelines.

Motion: Richard Hiner made a motion to approve the application as submitted.

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7-0-0

050709.12

Vain
5401 Ballard Ave NW
Victoria Gentry, Sarah Jurado

Application: Proposed blade sign above storefront and vinyl signage in storefront windows.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed a rendering, drawings and color samples. The relevant guidelines were 7. Transparency and 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: Sarah Jurado explained that the branding was the same as their downtown shop but that they had softened the appearance to fit with Ballard Avenue. She explained that the flower detail on the blade sign would be a slightly shimmery silver. They will be reusing the existing sign and sign bracket.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the proposed signs met the transparency guidelines. The Board expressed concerns about the proposed location for the address sign, stating that it appeared auto instead of pedestrian-oriented. The applicant decided to propose that the address sign be located in the transom window above the entry door instead. Board members concurred that all the signs, with this proposed change, met the sign guidelines.

Motion: Tobin Thompson made a motion to approve the application as amended by the applicant.

MM/SC/TT/RH
7-0-0

050709.13

Bastille Restaurant
5307 Ballard Ave NW
James Weimann

Application: Proposed refuse enclosure, rain barrels, blade sign, window signage, address sign, lighting, patio furniture, lighting and fans.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed exhibits from the application. The relevant guidelines were 3. Scale of Buildings and Structures, 4. Building Materials and Fixtures and 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: Mike Skidmore, architect, walked the Board through the proposal. He presented color and material samples. James Weimann clarified that there would be two strings of lights installed under the awning; each light on the string would be space a maximum of 5' apart.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion:

Refuse enclosure: The Board determined that it complied with Guideline 3.

Patio furniture: Board members concurred that it met Guideline 4.

Lighting and fans/underneath outdoor awning: The Board discussed the precedent of allowing the strings of lights that were to be installed under the awning, and the visual impact of the lighting. Steve Mako conducted a straw poll; most Board members indicated that they would support the proposal. *[Two Board members later raised a concern about the size of the proposed fans but this concern was not raised during the Board discussion]*

Window signs: Board members concurred that the proposed painted window signs met the transparency and sign guidelines.

Blade sign: Board members concurred that the sign and its lighting met the sign guidelines.

Lights on south elevation: Board members concurred that the “warehouse” style lighting fixtures were compatible with the district and met Guideline 4.

“Up-down” light fixtures on front façade: There was a discussion about the style of the proposed light fixture and the number of light fixtures to be mounted on the façade (four). Most Board members thought the light fixture style was appropriate to the district because it was utilitarian and small. The Board discussed the prospect of up/down lighting to accent the building’s architecture and its visual impact. Some Board members thought that it would be too many lights.

The Board split voting on the application into several parts:

Motion: John Burreson made a motion to approve the application as presented with the exception of the proposed lighting.

MM/SC/JB/RH
7-0-0

Motion: Tobin Thompson made a motion to approve the proposal to add lighting on the south-facing wall of the building.

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7-0-0

Motion: Tobin Thompson made a motion to approve the proposed strings of lights under the awning.

MM/SC/TT/RH
6-1-0 (McGrath against)

Motion: Richard Hiner made a motion to approve the “up/down” lights on the front façade of the building.

MM/SC/RH/JR
4-3-0 (Fernan, McGrath and Thompson against)

040209.12 Sustainable Ballard Bike Rack
Ballard Avenue NW/22nd Avenue NW
Craig Benjamin

Application: Amended design for bike rack to replace existing bike rack at NW corner of Ballard/22nd NW.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed exhibits from the application. The relevant guideline was 10. Street Furniture.

Applicant Comment: Mark Hulscher from Sustainable Ballard distributed a drawing and specifications for the amended design. He explained that the metal surface area on the rings had been reduced and that the finish was now proposed to be “glass bead blasted” stainless steel. He presented a color/material sample.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Diana Fernan expressed a concern that the proposal did not meet Guideline 10. because it did not allow enough circulation space for pedestrians. She stated that the sidewalk becomes very crowded on Sundays and pointed out the proximity of the rack to the outdoor seating area at Miro Tea, located adjacent. Other Board members disagreed. Board members concurred that the revised design had addressed the Board’s earlier concerns about the material and finish.

Motion: John Burreson made a motion to approve the application as presented.

MM/SC/JB/RH
6-0-1 (Fernan abstained)

050709.2 BOARD BUSINESS: No items were discussed.

050709.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the March 5, 2009 meeting.

Motion: Tobin Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/TT/MM

5-0-2 (Burreson, Mako abstained)

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting.

Motion: Jim Riggle made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/JR/TT

5-0-2 (Burreson, McGrath abstained)

050709.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR: There was no report.

050709.5 STAFF REPORT: Heather McAuliffe announced that the district elections would be held on June 18 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Lagerquist & Morris. Voter packets will be sent out in the next two weeks.

Jim Riggle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marnie McGrath seconded the motion.

10:35 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe
Board Coordinator