



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 35/08

MINUTES OF THE June 5, 2008 MEETING

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

BOARD MEMBERS

John Bureson
Linda Day
Steven Mako
Marnie McGrath, Vice Chair
Jim Riggle
John Widell
Elaine Wine, Chair

STAFF

Heather McAuliffe

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Board Chair, Elaine Wine.

060508.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

060508.11 Pulp, Inc.
1912 NW Dock Place
Kate Pawlicki

Application: Approval for blade sign and planters.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe provided background and distributed exhibits from the application. The relevant guidelines were 10. Street Furniture and 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: Kate Pawlicki explained that her business specializes in marketing and design. The design of the sign is the same as their logo, which they have been using for ten years. She said that since she submitted her application, she has decided to add lettering to the back of the sign, which previously had graphics only on one side.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the sign and the planters met the guidelines. They asked the applicant what was planted in the planters. She said that they were planted with rosemary, strawberries and flowering herbs.

9:12 a.m. John Widell arrived.

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

MM/SC/JB/JW
6-0-1 (Widell abstained)

060508.12 King's Hardware
5225 Ballard Ave NW
Jon Airis

Application: Approval for mural sign painted on south wall.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe presented relevant information and distributed photos and a rendering. She said that the building was a primary structure in the district. The relevant guidelines were Criteria/Values 3.Primary Structures, 5. Building Surface Treatments and 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: Mike Leifur, a manager at King's Hardware, was present on behalf of the applicant. He confirmed that the applicant was Pabst Blue Ribbon and that mural was an advertisement for Pabst Blue Ribbon.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Steve Mako cited Guideline 5. where it states that "no paint shall be applied to unpainted brick or stone surfaces." He asked if there had ever been a mural in this location before. Staff confirmed that there had never been a mural or painted sign in this location, because there was a building next to the wall earlier. Board members concurred that the proposal conflicted with the guideline.

Motion: John Widell made a motion to approve the application as submitted.

MM/SC/JW/MM
0-0-7

060508.2 BOARD BUSINESS

The Board heard a briefing from the Olympic Athletic Club next, because the representative from La Carta de Oaxaca was not yet present.

060508.22 Olympic Athletic Club
5301 Leary Ave NW
Mark Durall

Briefing on proposed restoration of sign at 5216 Ballard Ave NW.

Jim Riggle, owner of the Olympic Athletic Club, was recused from the discussion.

Mark Durall, general manager at the Olympic Athletic Club, explained his plans for a historic sign at 5216 Ballard Ave NW (currently a parking garage for the club). He said that the sign was used by a couple of early tenants, including a bowling alley. Earlier this year, an arrow that was part of the sign was stolen. Mark Durall explained that he would like to restore the sign and use it for a new parking sign for the garage. He said that he would like to replace the face of the sign and backlight the sign. Board members discussed the fact that backlit signs are prohibited in the district. Staff confirmed that the existing backlit signs at Bad Albert's Tap & Grill and the Sunset Tavern predate the prohibition in the guidelines. Staff clarified that a non-illuminated cabinet sign could be approved by the Board. The Board discussed some options that would meet the guidelines. Board members concurred that the sign should be restored as closely as possible or else a new sign design should be proposed. Mark Durall asked about including exterior neon on the sign. Board members were not supportive, stating that the guidelines discourage the use of neon.

060508.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes were available for review.

060508.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR: There was no report.

060508.5 STAFF REPORT

Heather McAuliffe reminded the Board about the upcoming elections on June 19. She said that the Board architect position is currently open for applications until June 9. Due to the length of the appointment process, Elaine Wine will probably continue on the Board until August. She asked the Board if it preferred to hold its election of officers in July or August. The Board decided to hold them in August.

The Board asked about two projects in the district that did not go before the Board: painting of the storefront level at the Sanborn building and replacement of bricks in the parapet area of another building. Staff explained that the area on the Sanborn was previously painted several shades of grey, and she had told the property owner if the color was repainted to a slightly different shade of grey, it would not require a Certificate of Approval from the Board. Regarding the

parapet replacement, she explained that the property owner told her that it was an emergency in-kind replacement, that water had caused the original bricks to separate from the structure. The property owner was not able to find the same kind of brick but was matching it as closely as possible. The brick will be painted with masonry paint, to match the existing painted brick on the façade. She offered to follow up with the property owner if the Board had concerns about the replacement.

060508.21 La Carta de Oaxaca
5431 Ballard Ave NW
Wood Graham

Final approval for finish to be applied to outdoor deck (rear of building) approved conditionally per BLD 08/08.

(Staff Note: This item was reviewed by the Board out of sequence, at the end of the meeting, because the applicant was not present until that time)

Graham Graham, Wood Graham's business partner, was present to show color samples for the deck. The colors were a solid color grey stain for the sides and a red stain for the deck flooring. Board members expressed support for the colors, stating that they worked well with the existing color scheme.

John Widell made a motion to approve the color samples as submitted.
MM/SC/JW/SM
7-0-0

John Widell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Mako seconded the motion.

10:45 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe
Board Coordinator