



The City of Seattle

## Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 42/08

### MINUTES OF THE July 10, 2008 MEETING

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

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Richard Hiner  
Steven Mako  
Marnie McGrath, Vice Chair  
Elaine Wine, Chair

#### STAFF

Heather McAuliffe

#### Absent:

John Burreson  
Jim Riggle  
John Widell

A quorum was not present until 9:29 a.m., at which time the meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m. by Board Chair, Elaine Wine.

#### 071008.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

071008.11 Monster Art & Clothing  
5000 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Holly Gummelt

Application: Approval to install a single-faced sign above storefront & vinyl graphics in storefront windows.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe provided a verbal and written summary of the application. She explained that the sign overhead sign would be mounted in the same location as the previous business's sign. She distributed drawings, specifications, details on the method of attachment, and a rendering showing the signs installed on the storefront. The relevant guideline was 13. Signs.

Applicant Comment: The applicant explained that the squid on the sign would be fire engine red instead of as shown, because of the limitations of her computer tools.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: The Board expressed concerns that the proposal to place numerous vinyl signs in the windows conflicted with Guideline 13 a., which states that “multiple signs are discouraged.” The applicant volunteered to withdraw the two signs proposed in the main storefront window. Board members were supportive of this change.

Motion: Steven Mako made a motion to approve the application as amended.

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4-0-0

## **071008.2 BOARD BUSINESS**

### 071008.21 Sustainable Ballard Bike Rack Project John Mickett

Briefing on proposal to install bike racks along Ballard Avenue and on Market Street between 22nd and 24th Avenue NW.

John Mickett introduced himself and Craig Benjamin, both volunteers with Sustainable Ballard. They talked about the lack of bicycle parking for the district, and noted that currently bicyclists are locking their bikes inappropriately and in inappropriate spots, damaging trees and blocking sidewalks.

They showed a Powerpoint presentation to the Board about their proposal to install bike racks at three locations in the district. The locations would all be in the street in an existing parking spot. The locations are as follows: 1) Market St./Ballard Ave in existing 3-minute load/unload parking space west of intersection, in front of India Bistro; 2) Ballard Ave/22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW – five potential locations have been identified but the most favored is an angled spot just north of the traffic bulb at the NW corner of this intersection, in front of Miro Tea; 3) Ballard Ave/Vernon Place at the NW corner, just west of Ballard Ave. There is currently a design competition for the bike racks, with submissions due July 15. The racks will be designed to fit a 9' x 17' parking spot.

Steven Mako expressed a concern about the impact of losing parking spots in the district in addition to the planned removal of 180 parking spots along Shilshole Avenue for the extension of the Burke-Gilman Trail.

Elaine Wine asked if there would be additional infrastructure, such as the signage and painting shown in photos of similar bike parking systems in Portland. John Mickett said that something can be done to make them blend in better with the district.

Richard Hiner asked what was driving the siting of the racks. John Mickett answered that the Market Master for the Sunday Farmers Market has received repeated requests for bicycle parking. Also, in speaking with community members in Ballard, Ballard Avenue is always cited as a place that needs more bike parking.

Elaine Wine asked if they had considered other areas. John Mickett responded that they have also considered the sidewalk on either side of Bergen Place Park.

Steven Mako asked if they had considered removable bike racks. John Mickett responded that they had and that the Farmers Market had looked into it. The issue is storage space.

Elaine Wine asked how many bikes would be able to park at a rack. John Mickett answered that it would be 6-8 bikes, depending on the design.

The presenters thanked the Board and said they would return with a formal application. Heather McAuliffe advised them to do outreach to property owners in the district and offered them the use of the district's mailing list.

### **071008.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the April 3, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Steven Mako made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/SM/MM

3-0-1 (Richard Hiner abstained)

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the May 1, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Marnie McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/MM/SM

2-0-2 (Richard Hiner and Marnie McGrath abstained)

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the June 5, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Marnie McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/MM/SM

3-0-1 (Richard Hiner abstained)

**071008.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Elaine Wine said she recently participated in the interview panel for the new board architect and that it would be a couple of months before her replacement is appointed and confirmed.

**071008.5 STAFF REPORT**

Heather McAuliffe welcomed Richard Hiner, elected in June to the Board as a business owner.

Steven Mako made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marnie McGrath seconded the motion.

10:18 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe  
Board Coordinator