



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 49/15

MINUTES OF THE September 3, 2015 MEETING

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Meghan Griswold
Richard Hiner, Vice Chair
Cass O'Callaghan
Brian van Stipdonk, Chair

STAFF

Heather McAuliffe

Absent:

Joseph Herrin
Gene Morris
Brandon Peterson

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Board Chair, Brian van Stipdonk.

090315.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

090315.11 Explorer Properties
4775 Ballard Ave NW
Kate Gill

Application: Add two new windows on Dock Street façade where windows once existed. Paint to match existing street front windows.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed exhibits from the application. The relevant guidelines were 6 and 7.

Applicant Comment: Mike Skidmore, architect, presented the plans. He explained that back in 1976, these windows were there, and they just want to add them back. They will match the other existing windows. He explained that it will open up the ground floor plane on Dock Place and that it will be an office use

there. Kate Gill, property owner representative, explained that the space has been difficult to rent out because it is dark inside.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members noted that the design would match the header and sill details on existing windows, and that the wood on the storefront at the front of the building would be matched. Brian van Stipdonk stated that the proposal would meet Guidelines 2 c & e.

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

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4-0-0

090315.12 Bramling Cross
5205 Ballard Ave NW
Shane Staley

Application: Install signage and lighting.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed exhibits from the application. The relevant guidelines were 4 and 13.

Applicant Comment: Shane Staley described the proposed overhead wood sign and explained that it would be mounted through the mortar joints. He explained that the blade sign would be made of steel instead of wood, however, because the sign manufacturer would not build or warranty a wood sign. He presented a revised exhibit for the blade sign. He next described the lighting, and explained that it would consist of three gooseneck sign lights above the overhead sign. He presented a color sample. He explained that the ceiling light would also be replaced with a can light. The lights will be 2700k color temperature.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: The Board wanted to know more about the method of attachment for the lights. The applicant explained that they would be mounted through the mortar joints, and that the conduit for them would run over the parapet, painted to match the façade. Board members concurred that the application met Guidelines 4 and 13.

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

MM/SC/RH/MG
4-0-0

090315.13 SDOT bike corrals
Kyle Rowe

Application: Install bike corrals on the streets within the Ballard Avenue Landmark District. Bike racks on sidewalks within the district to be removed.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed copies of a map, photos and the design for the bike corrals. The relevant Guideline was 3.

Applicant Comment: Kyle Rowe, SDOT, explained that they will remove most bike racks on the sidewalks. The bike corrals will be installed mostly where parking currently is not allowed. He said that sidewalks are cluttered and busy, so it is better to consolidate the bike parking on the street.

Public Comment:

Carl Leighty, Ballard resident, said he would like to see more racks and to see the ones on the sidewalks removed.

Brock Powell, Connect Ballard, spoke in support of the application. He said that there is a need to open up sidewalk space in order to make it safer for everyone.

Mark Durall, manager at the Olympic Athletic Club, thanked Mr. Rowe for his presentation. He said he was concerned about the number of corrals that are proposed, and about the industrial design of the bike racks. He asked the Board to consider bike racks on side streets only instead, and said he thinks there are too many bike corrals proposed. He asked that SDOT request only some of them now and come back later to request more.

Robert Whaley, district property owner, agreed with Mr. Durall's comments. He did not like the design of the bike corrals and suggested that a design more sensitive to the design of the aesthetics of the district be chosen. He also suggested that SDOT accommodate the former outline of a horse watering trough in the street at the NW corner of Ballard and 20th Ave NW.

Jamie Brinkley, Ballard resident, spoke in support of the application.

James Riggle, district property owner, said he did not like the design or the proposal, because they crowded so many bike racks. He preferred that they be moved to the district boundaries.

Kyle Rowe responded to the public comments. He explained that SDOT gets requests for more bike parking on Ballard Avenue frequently, and that they have found that bike racks need to be located near storefronts, where people can see them. Otherwise, bikes are often locked up to fences, parking meters, etc. in order to be visible. He said that with on-street bike corrals, bicyclists are

guaranteed a spot close to storefronts. In response to a public comment about collecting data first, he explained that SDOT has not needed to collect data, because bike racks are always in high demand in the district. In response to the concerns about the design, he explained that if business/property owners were willing to pay for them or get a grant, a different design could be substituted for the standard bike corral design. He said that SDOT did outreach to businesses and the Ballard Chamber, but had not heard any offers to pay for a non-standard rack. He explained that the racks in the street would be like the inverted U racks on the sidewalks, except that there would be base plates and curbs at either end. He said that bike corrals are reversible.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the application per the Preamble and Purpose/Goals in the Guidelines, and Guideline 10. Board members noted that the racks were similar in design to racks installed on the sidewalk that had been approved by the Board. There was some concern about having so many bike corrals installed at once, and a suggestion to reach out to businesses on Ballard Avenue about the design. Brian van Stipdonk confirmed that it would not be a necessary condition of the Board's approval of the corrals, however.

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

MM/SC/RH/BVS
3-1-0 (O'Callaghan opposed)

090315.2 BOARD BUSINESS

No new items were discussed.

090315.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting.

Motion: Richard Hiner made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/RH/MG
2-0-2 (O' Callaghan and van Stipdonk abstained)

090315.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

There was no report.

090315.5 STAFF REPORT

There was not report.

Richard Hiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cass O'Callaghan seconded the motion.

11:03 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe
Board Coordinator