



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Hybrid Meeting Physical Location: Ballard Customer Service Center-Conference Room: 5604 22nd Ave NW
Hybrid Meeting Remote Access: Via WebEx phone number as indicated on the meeting agenda.

BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Herrin
Miriam Hinden, Vice Chairperson
Anthony Salazar
Tommy Patrick, Chairperson

STAFF

Minh Chau Le
Melinda Bloom

Absent:

Kaia Wahmanholm
Richard Hiner

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Miriam Hinden.

120723.1 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Stewart spoke on behalf of the Ballard Alliance in favor of the Wayfinding Project and in support of the proposal for a security bollard at the entry to the Hansen Building

Tommy Patrick arrived at 9:13 am.

Kevin Troutt spoke about Stage Two SDOT right of way improvements and said the pedestrian space doesn't feel comfortable and the street has the potential to be more people centered. He spoke in support of expanding the eligibility categories for board members.

Sarah Rosso spoke in support of expanding the eligibility categories for board members.

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120723.2 INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

120723.21 Ballard Interpretive Wayfinding Project

Multiple right-of-way locations encompassed by NW Market St, 11th Ave NW, NW Dock Pl, and Ballard Ave NW
Anthony Salazar, Project Volunteer

Informational presentation on a wayfinding project consisting of 26 interpretive signs installed along a pedestrian and bicycle-oriented route that includes connections to the northern and southern portions of the Ballard Avenue Landmark District.

Anthony Salazar presented information in his capacity as a community volunteer, acting outside of his board member role. He shared visual materials regarding the goals of the project, the route along which signs would be installed, scale drawings, and sample artwork. Organizers will apply for a Certificate of Approval in the future.

120723.3 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

120723.31 The Hansen Building

5101 Ballard Ave NW
Laurie Lohrer, Property Owner
Jeremiah Moon, Filson Ballard General Manager

Minh Chau Le explained the proposal for movable security bollard at building entrance, to be removed daily during the retail tenant’s business hours. Exhibits were a project description, site plan, scale drawings, photos of existing conditions, bollard placement, installation details, and specifications. Guidelines that applied to this application were 9 and 10.

Jeremiah Moon said the business has been targeted for theft many times and recently a stolen truck was backed into the doors.

Lori Lohrer, building owner, said the alternative would be a scissor gate that would be incompatible with historic masonry.

Board members discussed whether one bollard is enough of a deterrent. The board noted that the business had also explored interior options, having been board-approved for an interior window gate recently.

Joe Herrin made a motion to approve the application as presented. Anthony Salazar seconded the motion.

4:0:0. Motion carried.

120723.4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2023 as presented. Anthony Salazar seconded the motion.

4:0:0. Motion carried.

120723.5 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report.

120723.6 REPORT OF THE STAFF

Minh Chau Le provided an update of the 2023 board member election currently underway.

120723.7 BOARD BUSINESS

Board members discussed burglaries in the district. Some members said the right-of-way structures blocked visibility and aided thieves. The board discussed the use of bollards and roller doors, and how to have balance between protecting district businesses while also preserving the district. The board considered drafting a letter directed to City leaders regarding public safety in historic districts. It discussed potentially doing so in conjunction with other City of Seattle Historic Boards.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:05 am.

Minh Chau Le
Board Coordinator