



The City of Seattle

# Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting  
Physical Location: Ballard Customer Service Center-Conference Room: 5604 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW

Hybrid Meeting  
Remote Access: Via WebEx telephone number as indicated on the meeting agenda.

### BOARD MEMBERS

Kaia Wahmanholm, Acting Chair  
Joe Herrin  
Miriam Hinden  
Anthony Salazar  
Richard Hiner  
Tommy Patrick

### STAFF

Minh Chau Le  
Melinda Bloom

### Absent:

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Acting Chair, Kaia Wahmanholm.

### 090723.1 PUBLIC COMMENT

### 090723.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

### 090723.21 Petite Wine

Right of Way adjacent to: 5410 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW  
Nick Bentley, Business Owner

Minh Chau Le explained the proposal for outdoor seating area consisting of seating and stanchions. Exhibits reviewed included photos of proposed location, site plan, renderings, and color and materials information. Guidelines that applied to this application include 2 and 10.

Nick Bentley explained the site plan and photos. He said he has been in contact with SDOT and is adhering to SDOT standards.

Joe Herrin asked if the cedar would be left unstained to weather.

Nick Bentley said yes.

Tommy Patrick asked if Nick Bentley plans to leave the stanchions out overnight.

Nick Bentley said they are not going to be fixed and will be left outside outside. Tables and chairs will be brought in each night.

Tommy Patrick said they will be vandalized and suggested they be brought in each night.

Action: Joe Herrin made a motion to approve the application as presented.

MM/SC/JH/TP 6:0:0 Motion carried.

**090723.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**090723.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR** No report.

**090723.5 REPORT OF THE STAFF**

Minh Chau Le said businesses have until the end of December to reconcile their pergola with changing requirements. She said additional standards have been identified to address longer-term structures by SDOT, Seattle Fire Department, and the Ballard Ave Landmark District Board. She said the Ballard Alliance is having a workshop on September 14, 2023, to ensure future applicants understand the requirements from all the departments and to help them navigate the process. Responding to clarifying questions she said the workshop is by invitation from the Ballard Alliance and that she would attend and share board guidelines and processes. She said the intended audience of the workshop is applicants.

Joe Herrin said that it seems like every pergola applicant will come in October. He said he asked over a month ago and SDOT had 10 applications.

The staff said that review takes time with the heightened level of requirements.

Tommy Patrick said he would attend the workshop to help people understand and provide his perspective and how he has done things. He expressed concern about public comment received in opposition to the pergolas, and asked if a reply should be sent.

The staff said public comment is for board consideration without the expectation of direct response.

Anthony Salazar said public comment isn't a discourse.

Joe Herrin said there isn't enough time at this point to respond to the comments or act on them.

Kaia Wahmanholm said hundreds of emails are received and the board doesn't respond other than a thank you to in person commenters.

Joe Herrin said he was disappointed the board wasn't hearing from more community members.

Anthony Salazar asked if problems are anticipated regarding opposition and if there is a way to get ahead of them.

Miriam Hinden said if people want to be heard they can come to the meeting. Until the projects come before the board, there's not much to be done.

Joe Herrin announced he won't run again for his board position. He has started hearing from people and said instead he would engage as a volunteer in the community.

## **090723.6**

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

Annual election of board officers

Final review for proposed revision of election procedures

Officers were elected unanimously for a one year term:

Tommy Patrick – Chair

Miriam Hinden – Vice Chair

Minh Chau Le explained the plan to move permanently to mail-in election for board positions. No municipal code change is necessary.

Discussion ensued about mail only ballots versus mail in ballots with the option to drop off at a specified location.

Minh Chau Le said that DON found that there were much higher numbers of voters for mail in versus in person voting. Said there was increased participation. She said the International Special Review District is also moving the mail in process.

9:50 a.m.      Adjourn.  
MM/SC/KW/AS

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