



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Ballard Customer Service Center-Conference Room
5604 22nd Ave NW
PHONE
ACCESS: Access by phone as provided in the meeting agenda.

BOARD MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Minh Chau Le

Absent:

Angela Economou

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Acting Chair, Kaia Wahmanholm.

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Discussion of Right of Way temporary structures

Staff Report: The staff cited the following relevant guidelines: Purpose/Goals-3; Guidelines/Specific 2. Secretary of the Interior Standards (j); Guidelines/Specific 3. Scale of Buildings and Structures; 7. Transparency; 10. Street Furniture; 15. New Construction Guidelines: a. Design, b. Materials/Textures, k. Colors.

Public Comment: Seattle City Councilmember Dan Strauss said his office was planning a series of community charrettes in 2023 focused on various right of way issues including design of structures.

The Board said that all structures seeking approval going forward should conform to District guidelines.

Anthony Salazar said transparency and visibility is important.

Tommy Patrick said structures on the 5300 block of Ballard Ave have additional considerations because they are a shared use with the Farmer's Market.

Miriam Hinden said facades and views of buildings should not be overly obscured.

Joe Herrin said massing and scale would be a central issue.

The Board discussed the potential of retractable walls or windows.

Richard Hiner said that the roof of the structures also influences transparency.

The Board discussed modulation to address aesthetic and pedestrian safety issues.

The staff summarized the primary relevant guidelines from the meeting discussion: 7-Transparency; 3-Scale of Buildings and Structures 10-Street Furniture; 15. New Construction Guidelines. The Board concurred.

Public Comment: Seattle City Councilmember Dan Strauss said that existing conditions on the street such as fire hydrants will create breaks in the placement of structures.

Tommy Patrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Hiner seconded the motion.

10:20 a.m. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Submitted by Minh Chau Le, Board Coordinator