



The City of Seattle

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 64/23

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2023 MEETING

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Physical Location: Ballard Customer Service Center-Conference Room: 5604 22nd Ave NW

Hybrid Meeting

Virtual Access: Via WebEx phone number as indicated on the meeting agenda.

BOARD MEMBERS

Kaia Wahmanholm

Joe Herrin

Miriam Hinden, Vice Chairperson

Anthony Salazar

Richard Hiner

Tommy Patrick, Chairperson

STAFF

Minh Chau Le

Melinda Bloom

Absent:

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairperson Tommy Patrick.

The agenda was re-ordered by the chair.

110223.1 PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Troutt provided comment in favor of the recent changes made within the district that made it more human scaled, usable for pedestrians, and less

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centered on cars. He was supportive of the proposal to add leveling material to tree wells.

110223.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to use gender neutral pronouns and titles only for future meeting minutes.

MM/SC/AS/TP 6:0:0 The motion carried.

September 7, 2023

MM/SC/TP/AS 6:0:0 Minutes approved as presented.

October 5, 2023

MM/SC/TP/JH 6:0:0 Minutes approved as presented.

110223.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

110223.21 Public Right of Way – Street Tree Wells

- Ballard Ave NW, between 20th Ave NW and NW Ione Pl
 - 20th Ave NW, between Shilshole Ave NW and Leary Ave NW
 - NW Vernon Pl, between Shilshole Ave NW and Leary Ave NW
 - 22nd Ave NW, between Ballard Ave NW and Shilshole Ave NW
- Aditi Kambuj, SDOT

Minh Chau Le explained the proposal for installation of flexible porous material in existing tree wells throughout the district. Exhibits reviewed included a project description, site plan identifying locations of subject tree wells, photos of existing conditions, and a physical material sample. Guidelines that applied to this application included Guidelines/General-2 and Guidelines/Specific-9 “Vehicular and Pedestrian Access”.

Aditi Kambuj, SDOT, described the project as the second phase following a previous board-approved tree well surfacing project on Ballard Avenue. It is intended to improve the pedestrian experience and support the health of the trees.

Joe Herrin said the board had reviewed and approved use of this material for select tree wells in the past.

Miriam Hinden said the material sample appeared shiny and asked if there was a more matte version. Discussion ensued regarding the weathering of the material reducing its shine.

The board was in favor of issuing approval for additional trees not identified in the application, should funding become available to do so.

Action: Tommy Patrick made a motion to approve the application, with the addition that the approval applies to all tree wells in the district, so long as installation does not damage distinctive historic sidewalk and curb materials.

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

110223.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The chairperson expressed concern that no applications for right of way structures had come before the board. The staff said there is a multi-stage, multi-department review process underway using recently revised standards so it is taking longer. Board members discussed anticipating a high volume of proposals for outdoor structures in the right of way since the deadline for their application submittals is the end of 2023.

110223.5 REPORT OF THE STAFF

Minh Chau Le said the annual board member election was underway with an upcoming deadline of November 7 for candidate nomination.

110223.6 BOARD BUSINESS

Members discussed the eligibility categories for the BLD board and expressed interest in learning about the composition and eligibility categories of other city historic boards.

9:50 a.m. Adjourn.
MM/SC/RH/TP

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