

Ballard Avenue Landmark District
Staff report summary for the meeting of October 1, 2026

101026.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

100126.21 Hansen Building Mural
5101 Ballard Ave NW
Laurie Lohrer, Building Owner

Proposal for a maritime-themed mural on the Shilshole Avenue-facing rear façade of the Hansen building.

Exhibits:

- Applicant’s statements.
- Site plan.
- Photos and description of the existing rear façade.
- Scale drawings.
- Renderings of the proposed mural.
- Color and finish information.

Relevant guidelines:

5. Building Surface Treatments.

- Board to determine whether the proposed mural conforms to this guideline, which includes “Painted surfaces shall be repainted with subdued colors that are appropriate and consistent with the historic building and District.”
Factors to consider could include the nature of the painting - artwork rather than standard exterior painting, the location of the mural - along the boundary of the District rather than its Ballard Avenue-facing corridor of storefronts, the degree to which it promotes the District’s history, and the project’s stated goal of deterring activities which interfere with the District’s economic vitality.