



The City of Seattle

# Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board

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BLD 14/17

## MINUTES OF THE March 2, 2017 MEETING

TIME: 9:00 A.M.  
PLACE: Ballard Neighborhood Service Center  
5604 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW

### BOARD MEMBERS

Meghan Griswold  
Joseph Herrin, Vice Chair  
Richard Hiner, Chair  
Cass O'Callaghan  
Brandon Peterson  
Sandy Wolf

### STAFF

Heather McAuliffe

### Absent:

Bryan Syrdal

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Board Chair, Rick Hiner.

### 030217.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

030217.11 Ballyhoo Curiosity Shop  
5445 Ballard Ave NW  
Ryan Robbins

Application: Approval for signs in storefront window and entry door.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed photos of the signs. She noted that the Board's approval would be retroactive because the signs were already installed. She distributed materials from the application. The relevant guidelines were 7 and 13.

Applicant Comment: The applicant described the signage and method of attachment.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Cass O'Callaghan said the signs appeared to meet the guidelines. Other Board members concurred.

Motion: Brandon Peterson made a motion to approve the application as submitted.

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6-0-0

030217.12

Lathrop Building

5135 Ballard Ave NW

James Lathrop, Jim Goodspeed

Application: Approval for gate at storefront entrance through March 3, 2018 and model cannon on top of building through March 3, 2020.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed exhibits from the application. She explained that approval for this application would be retroactive as well. The applicant had previously briefed the Board on using a scissors gate in front of the doorway, but had not submitted an application since that time. She noted that the building is a primary structure and that the requests were temporary. The relevant guidelines were History, Purpose/Goals, Criteria/Values, Primary Structure, Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Transparency.

Applicant Comment: Jim Goodspeed, architect, went through the photos and roof plan. He explained that it is the owner's intent to convert the building to a food and beverage business use, but that its current use as an office building has resulted in low traffic into the building. For this reason, the owner has been having trouble with homeless people sleeping in the storefront entry area. James Lathrop, the owner, further explained that one individual who was camping in the doorway had been violent toward him. He explained that he had understood at the time of the briefing that it would be okay to install something in the doorway to prevent the activity. He said he needed something for his safety until they decided what to do with the frontage of the building.

Jim Goodspeed explained that the model cannon was for the owner's personal enjoyment, that he has a collection of unusual things. He referred to the roof plan and noted that the cannon does not project beyond the building's façades. He noted that the request is to have it remain there for three years. James Lathrop confirmed that the cannon has been displayed there since October. Jim Goodspeed showed views of the cannon as seen from the intersection. He next went over the details of the temporary gate and noted that it is not attached to the building. He explained that it was painted green to blend in with the storefront. He showed photos of public art around Seattle and explained that the model cannon represents humor and personality on the property.

#### Public Comment:

James Weimann, business owner, said he liked the cannon, and suggested that it be up-lighted. He said that he was familiar with the individual that has been troublesome.

Jamel Hadeed, business owner, asked about access to the roof. James Lathrop confirmed that there is no public access to the roof.

Tim Baker, business owner, asked about the cannon's size and history. James Lathrop answered that the cannon is 6' wide, 6' high and 12' long. It is a replica of an 1890's English 12 pounder cannon.

Deming Maclise, business owner, said that he also liked the cannon and suggested putting it on a pedestal to bring it to the level of the roof.

#### Board Discussion:

Cass O'Callaghan asked for clarification on retroactive applications. Heather McAuliffe explained that she had requested that the applicants submit applications.

Joe Herrin noted that the issue with camping in the doorway would likely go away once the building is occupied.

Brandon Peterson said that he had noticed people sleeping in doorways of active businesses.

The Board discussed the design of the gate. Board members concurred that the gate did not meet the guidelines because it blocked transparency into the storefront area. They decided that the gate could remain for safety but that a new application for a more compatible gate design should be submitted for approval at the Board meeting in May.

Rick Hiner made a motion to approve the application for the temporary gate, with the condition that the applicant would return for approval of a design that would

meet the guidelines, by the meeting in May. Board members suggested that the applicant look at other gate designs in the district that had been approved by the Board, and that the gate design be transparent.

Motion:

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5-0-1 (Brandon Peterson abstained)

Heather McAuliffe recommended that the applicant brief the Board on the alternate design at the meeting in April.

The Board next discussed the display of the model cannon on the roof of the building.

Sandy Wolf noted that per 2.c it might be considered a conjectural feature and noted that this is not a place that had a cannon.

Brandon Peterson noted concerns for maintaining integrity of location and design under Criteria/Values – 3, and noted that the building is a Primary structure in the district.

Meghan Griswold pointed out that the cannon is not associated with the history of Ballard.

Rick Hiner stated that the cannon is not an element of the building.

Motion: Rick Hiner made a motion to approve the application as presented.

MM/SC/RH/CO

5-0-1 (Brandon Peterson abstained)

030217.13

Carnivore  
5313 Ballard Ave #A  
Matt Taylor

Application: Install blade sign above storefront and vinyl lettering on entry door.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed materials from the application. The relevant guidelines were 7 and 13.

Applicant Comment: Matt Taylor from Foley Sign Co. presented the application and showed the Board color/material samples for the sign, its border and lettering. He explained the method of attachment.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the application met the guidelines.

Motion: Brandon Peterson made a motion to approve the application as presented.

MM/SC/BP/JH

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030217.14 San Fermo  
5341 Ballard Ave NW  
Tim Baker

Application: Construct valance with privacy screen at rear porch.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed materials from the application. The relevant guidelines were 2 and 7.

Applicant Comment: Tim Baker confirmed that the screen would be black in color and showed a material sample to the Board. He explained that the screen would be used from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at night and occasionally during the daytime if it were windy. He explained that the screen was needed to protect restaurant patrons from wind and harassment by people who hide out in the garbage area.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Meghan Griswold said that it was important that the screen meet the transparency guidelines. Joe Herrin agreed, and cited examples of window shades that had been approved for restaurants provided they were used only as necessary.

Sandy Wolf said she thought the valance should be made of cedar to distinguish it from the porch railing. The Board discussed it further but determined that the proposed design would be acceptable.

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

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6-0-0

030217.15 Bastille Café & Bar  
5307 Ballard Ave NW  
James Weimann

Application: Install blade sign with lighting above storefront.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed exhibits from the application. The relevant guideline was 13.

Applicant Comment: Deming Maclise, co-owner of the restaurant, explained that it would be a wood sign with a steel frame, and that the color of the sign would match the building, not as it appeared in the renderings. He said the letters would be PVC, black with gold leaf. He showed a color/material sample for the lettering.

Public Comment: Tim Baker spoke in support of the application.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the application met the guidelines.

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

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030217.16 Juniper Natural Nail Bar  
5308 Ballard Ave NW  
Tiann Stubberfield

Application: Paint sign on storefront window.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed materials from the application. The relevant guidelines were 7 and 13.

Applicant Comment: Jamel Hadeed, the applicant's husband, presented the application. He explained that they had adjusted the signs location to be six feet above the sidewalk to comply with the guidelines.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the sign met the transparency guidelines. They noted that the colors might not be considered 'subdued' but would be acceptable. The applicant confirmed that the colors of the sign would be as shown in the sign drawing, not as bright as shown in the rendering. Meghan Griswold said the sign appeared to meet the guidelines on size.

Motion: Brandon Peterson made a motion to approve the application as amended by the applicant.

MM/SC/BP/JH

6-0-0

030217.17 Jones Brothers & Co.  
5449 Ballard Ave NW  
Kevin Carlson

Application: Repaint façade; install business sign.

Staff Report: Heather McAuliffe distributed materials from the application. The relevant guidelines were 5 and 13.

Applicant Comment: The applicant explained that the ownership had changed and that it would be a family friendly restaurant specializing in meatballs (including vegetarian) and pasta. He said he liked the color on the building where Bastille Restaurant is located and that he was trying to He said the new sign would be smaller than the existing sign, and that the lighting would remain the same, except painted black. The sign would be hand painted, 2' x 5' in size.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion: Board members concurred that the painting and the sign met the guidelines.

Motion: Sandy Wolf made a motion to approve the application as submitted.

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**030217.2 BOARD BUSINESS**

Joe Herrin announced that the Burke-Gilman Missing Link is to be on the south side of Shilshole Avenue, so there will be impacts to parking for the district.

**030217.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Joe Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

MM/SC/JH/BP

4-0-2 (Meghan Griswold and Rick Hiner abstained)

**030217.4      REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

**030217.5      STAFF REPORT**

Heather McAuliffe reminded Board members that Meghan Griswold's term would expire June 30 and asked members to encourage residents on Ballard Avenue to run in the election.

Joe Herrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meghan Griswold seconded the motion.

10:52 a.m.      The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe  
Board Coordinator