

**Ballard Avenue Landmark District  
Staff report summary for the meeting of February 6, 2025**

**020625.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

020625.21 Ballard Pizza  
5205 Ballard Ave NW  
CJ Williams, Western Neon

Proposal to re-face the existing blade sign and storefront wall sign.

Additional relevant information:

- Uses the existing building-mounted wall sign and blade sign. Re-surfacing only with no new hardware or attachment points.

Exhibits:

- Site plan.
- Photo of existing storefront.
- Scale drawing of storefront.
- Sign colors, material, and design information.

Relevant Landmark District Guidelines:

Guideline Title	Comments
Guideline 7, Signs	The signs appear to conform to guidelines regarding allowable sign materials, sizes, and style (graphics, colors, and font).

020625.22 Roam Bar  
5105 Ballard Ave NW  
Alex Fraser, Swoose Studio  
Nicole Healy, Business Owner

Proposal to add a retractable canvas roof and support beams to the outdoor dining patio, with multiple design options for board consideration. Proposal follows the applicant’s January 2, 2025 presentation to the board regarding the outdoor dining patio.

Additional relevant information:

- On January 2 the board reviewed the proposal to retroactively approve the existing structure, which was built by the previous tenant without the required board approval (Certificate of Approval).
- The board declined to approve the proposed structure, citing the heavy collective appearance of the roof beams, the potentially incompatible material of the beams (Glulam), and questions about the roof’s degree of transparenance or retractability.
- Four options are presented here, ranging from a greater amount of visual impact and usage of Glulam beams (option 1) to the least amount of visual impact and elimination of Glulam beams (option 4).

Guideline Title	Comments
Guideline 3, Scale of Buildings and Structures	Board to determine which, if any, of the proposed options achieve an appropriate balance of size and scale between the structure and its surroundings.
Guideline 4, Building Materials and Fixtures	Board to determine whether the beams are materially compatible within the district, in which natural solid woods are usually preferred.