

**Ballard Avenue Landmark District
Staff report summary for the meeting of June 5, 2025**

060525.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

060525.21 The Little Beast
5107 Ballard Ave NW
Polly and Tony Yakovich, Business Owners

Application: Proposal for a storefront blade sign for a new business.

Exhibits

- Site plan.
- Photos of existing storefront.
- Scale drawings.
- Sign colors, material, and design information.

Relevant Landmark District Guidelines:

Guideline Title	Comments
13, Signs:	Appears to conform.
13(a), Sign Materials:	Appears to conform.
13(c), Blade Signs:	Blade sign and hanger appear to conform.

Additional topic: Informal consultation with the board regarding the potential installation of a storefront security gate at this location. Applicant will present concepts and solicit board input to inform further planning regarding a security gate.

Supporting materials provided by applicant:

- Statements and photos regarding security issues.
- Photos of the proposed location.
- Rendering.
- Gate specifications.
- Photos of existing scissor gates within the Landmark District.

Relevant Guidelines:

4. Building Materials and Fixtures – Board to consider whether the proposed style, materials, and overall aesthetic of a scissor-style gate are compatible with the storefront and the district.

Additional relevant information:

- The staff recommended that the applicant first consult with the board on a scissor gate given that these gates have typically been discouraged in the past.
- In recent years, applicants across the district have described security issues and presented various solutions to the board. Some recent examples of board-approved security measures have been interior curtain-style gates in windows, a bollard, and reinforcements on a door.
- Many of the scissor gates in the sample photos provided by the applicant have not been reviewed or approved by the board. While this is not a reflection on the applicant, it highlights an opportunity for the board to think about the gates and provide guidance and direction for this and other future applicants moving forward.