



Ballard Advisory Group Kick-Off Meeting Summary Monday December 2, 2019

Attendance

Name	Organization	Attending
Eugene Wasserman	North Seattle Industrial Association	Yes
Warren Aakervik	Ballard Oil	Yes
Haley Keller	Peddler Brewing	Yes
Mike Stewart	Ballard Alliance	Yes
Suzie Burke	Fremont Dock Company	Yes
Tom Friedman	Ballard District Council President	Yes
Eric Nelson	Nordic Heritage Museum	Yes
Brad Benson	Stoup Brewing	Yes
Shaunie Wheeler	Teamsters Joint Council	No
Sarah Scherer	Seattle Maritime Academy	No

Advisory Group Members' Feedback on Process

- Concern from some group members about the separation of Ballard and Interbay Neighborhood Advisory Groups
- Concern from some group members about the fishing and shipyards industries not having representation on the Citywide Advisory Group
- Several members urged the City to remember the interdependence of North and South industrial lands, especially with respect to their reliance on the same critical transportation infrastructure
- Group members appreciated the balance of the composition of the Ballard Advisory Group, recognizing that the neighborhood is not an industrial monoculture (i.e. Breweries and Distilleries have unique concerns).

Advisory Group Members' Top Issues/Opportunities for Ballard (by theme):

Topics of particular emphasis by the group are highlighted in **yellow**.

Transportation

- **Strongly support Sound Transit alternatives that:**
 - o Keep the station area as close to the neighborhood core as possible (nearest existing dense residential and mixed-use areas)
 - o Utilize a right of way that is least intrusive to sensitive industrial areas along the extension route (the tunnel option is highly preferred); concern is to minimize impacts to industrial circulation and any loss of industrial lands to light rail infrastructure
- Use the BINMIC Transportation elements as a starting place
- Consider and plan for the future of the BNSF Railway Bridge
- Better maintenance of street ends currently owned by the City to encourage ease of circulation and safety

City of Seattle Industrial & Maritime Strategy



- Improve the viability of the Ballard Bridge as a true multi-modal asset
- Improved condition of the Ballard Locks

Neighborhood / Land Use

- Manage and resolve conflicts arising from area growth pressure to house and serve more residents
 - o Encroachment of transient housing on industrial uses (i.e. RVs)
 - o Safety and Hygiene of public spaces; areas around ten encampments becoming "dumping grounds"
- Missing Link controversy
- Protect the zoning within Manufacturing and Industrial Centers
- Promote the visibility and access to the working waterfront in ways that can celebrate industry without compromising industrial use
- Protect industry from noise complaints arising from City ordinance
- Address perceived rise in levels of violent crime

Jobs

- Need to protect the long-term stability of Maritime Industry because these companies forecast 10-15 years and make business decisions today based on these forecasts
- Promote apprenticeship programs to grow and diversify the maritime and industrial worker pipeline

Environment

- Any Fossil Fuel Policy at the state level needs to be informed by accurate data on the extent of industrial and maritime jobs

