Ballard Bike Rack Design Contest

Contest Guidelines

Submissions

Entries can be submitted three ways:

1. directly (in person) to the Ballard Neighborhood Service Center (next to the library)
2. by mail to:

   Sustainable Ballard
   Attn: Ballard Bike Rack Design Contest
   2442 NW Market St., PMB 286
   Seattle, WA 98107
3. electronically (e-mailed as attachment) to birdie@sustainableballard.org. E-mail submissions should be sent as a PDF, GIF or JPEG or a common CAD format (DWG, IGES, or STEP).

All entries must be received (or postmarked) by Tuesday, July 15th, 2008. Hardcopy (paper) entries can be on any size/type of paper (please be reasonable!). You may submit as many entries you wish. Unless specifically requested, entries will not be returned after the contest, so please make copies of your design before submitting.

Your submission should include:

1. your contact information (e-mail and/or phone number)
2. your design with dimensions included
3. the rack's maximum bicycle capacity
4. material to be used (if other than steel)
5. a way to attach the rack to the ground (see existing racks in Ballard)
6. details on any finishes (paint, etc.) keeping the maintenance-free criteria in mind (see below)
7. the general location (e.g. Locks, Ballard Ave., Library) you have in mind for rack placement (see below)
8. entry category (general Ballardite, high school student, or middle or elementary school student).

Sign up for contest e-mail notifications at **birdie.sustainableballard.org** and get contest updates, design tips, notifications of design assistance workshops, and submission deadline reminders. Signing up will automatically enter you in a drawing for a free bicycle tune-up at Ballard's own BikeSport (valued at $75). Your e-mail address will be kept confidential and will not be provided to any other organization.

Design Criteria

The design must meet Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) guidelines or that the rack:

- is intuitive to use correctly
- supports the frame of the bicycle
- allows a U-style lock to secure one of the wheels and the frame to the rack
- is a minimum of 2 ½ feet high so it isn't a tripping hazard
- has no dangerous points, corners, edges, etc. on which one could foreseeably be injured.
- must easily be bolted to the street/sidewalk

Selection Criteria

Winning designs will be chosen by a committee of community members with representatives from donating businesses, the Ballard Chamber of Commerce, Ballard High School, Sustainable Ballard, and SDOT, with winning designs announced at Ballard Seafoodfest on July 26th and 27th, 2008. Designs will be judged on the following criteria:

- Functionality (How easy is the rack to use? How well does it secure a bicycle?)
- Aesthetic appeal (Will people be inspired by the design?)
- Evocation of community (Does it reflect the soul and spirit of Ballard?)
- Appropriateness for the location (Does it fit with the surroundings?)
- Creativity, uniqueness
- Durability (It must last many years without any maintenance).
- Anticipated fabrication cost (If the design is overly complex, it may be too expensive to build. Contact us as birdie@sustainableballard.org if you have questions about this).

Rack Locations

Racks should be designed with one of the following potential locations in mind:

1. Along Ballard Ave. at either (or both) ends of the Sunday Farmer's Market. Since sidewalk space is limited here we are hoping to place a rack on-street in a car parking space. This rack should hold a minimum of 6 bicycles and have a footprint (includes bicycles) of not more than 8 ft × 15 ft.

2. Somewhere next to the Ballard Public Library. This rack should hold 4+ bicycles and the footprint should be less than 8 ft × 10 ft.

3. On Market Street between 22nd and 24th Ave NW. The rack should hold 4+ bicycles and have a footprint of less than 8 ft × 15 ft.

4. The Locks. There are two possible locations here, one about 10 ft × 10 ft and one roughly 6 ft × 20 ft. This rack should hold 6+ bicycles.

5. Adjacent to Bergen Place. This rack should hold 5+ bicycles and have a footprint of not more than 8 ft × 15 ft.