



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 284/23

STAFF REPORT: **Memorial Stadium property – 401 5th Avenue N**

The Landmarks Board Coordinator acknowledges the cultural history associated with this site, as a gathering space for community events prior to development, then as Civic Field, then as Memorial Stadium. The coordinator believes this significance may not be embodied in the 1947 stadium structure itself. The Landmarks Board Coordinator believes the significance of the 1951 commemorative Memorial Wall is conveyed through its built features.

Staff recommends consideration of the Memorial Stadium property at 401 5th Avenue N based on the following designation standards:

- A. *It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, an historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation.*
- D. *It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction.*
- E. *It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder. (for Marianne Hanson, the designer of the Memorial Wall)*

The following features and characteristics recommended for consideration include:

- The site.
- The 1947 stadium structure (excluding enclosed interior spaces).
- The 1951 memorial wall.

Approval of Nomination

If approved, a public meeting would be set for 30-60 days from nomination to consider the designation. During this time, the Board and staff may amend the nomination form. From the time of nomination, Subchapter VI of SMC 25.12 shall apply. This section requires a Certificate

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of Approval for alterations or significant changes to the features proposed for preservation. Following Board approval of the nomination (or designation) the owner may give written notice of a desire to confer and consult with the Board and Board staff to reach agreement on specific features to be preserved and methods to achieve such preservation. A timetable is established by Board, Board staff and the Owner. This written request by the Owner is the only procedure which may alter the time requirements or the public meeting on designation.

Disapproval of Nomination

If the Board fails to approve the nomination, no new proceeding may be commenced for a period of 10 years without the written agreement of the Owner.

Deferral of Consideration

The Board may defer consideration. Adequate notice should be given to all parties about when the matter is to be reconsidered. Once nominated, the Board must follow the procedures of SMC 25.12 and approve or disapprove the designation.

Suggested Language for a Nomination Motion

“I move that the Board approve the nomination of the Memorial Stadium property at 401 5th Avenue N for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description in the Nomination Form; that the features and characteristics proposed for preservation include: the site; the stadium structure (excluding enclosed interior spaces), and the memorial wall; that the public meeting for Board consideration of designation be scheduled for October 4, 2023; that this action conforms to the known comprehensive and development plans of the City of Seattle.”

OR

“I move that the Board approve the nomination of the Memorial Wall at 401 5th Avenue N for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description in the Nomination Form; that the features and characteristics proposed for preservation include: the memorial wall; the associated steps, fountains and other integral features, the structural wall(s) and foundation(s) that physically support the memorial in situ, and the site area on which the memorial resides and relies upon for structural support. The remainder of the site and stadium structure are excluded. The public meeting for Board consideration of designation shall be scheduled for October 4, 2023; that this action conforms to the known comprehensive and development plans of the City of Seattle.”

OR

Suggested Language for Disapproval of Nomination

“I move that the Board not approve the nomination of the Memorial Stadium property at 401 5th Avenue N f as a Seattle Landmark, as it does not meet any of the designation standards, as required by SMC 25.12.350.” ... (or give other reasons)

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