



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 189/24

STAFF REPORT ON NOMINATION

University Way Apartments 4750 University Way NE

The Landmarks Board Coordinator acknowledges the unquestionable cultural significance of Bruce Lee and his work at the local, national, and international level, but is concerned that Mr. Lee's limited association with this building may not rise to the level of a landmark.

Staff recommends consideration of the University Way Apartments at 4750 University Way NE based on the following designation standard:

- B. It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation.

The following features and characteristics recommended for consideration include:

- The exterior of the building.

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 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 5 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 Approval of Nomination:

“I move that the Board approve the nomination of the University Way Apartments at 4750 University Way NE for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description in the Nomination Form; that the features and characteristics proposed for preservation include: the exterior of the building; that the public meeting for Board consideration of designation be scheduled for September 18, 2024; that this action conforms to the known comprehensive and development plans of the City of Seattle.”

Suggested Language for Disapproval of Nomination:

“I move that the Board not approve the nomination of the University Way Apartments at 4750 University Way NE as a Seattle Landmark, as it does not meet any of the designation standards, as required by SMC 25.12.350.

or

“I move that the Board not approve the nomination of the University Way Apartments at 4750 University Way NE as a Seattle Landmark, as it does not have the ability to convey its significance, as required by SMC 25.12.350.

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