



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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STAFF REPORT ON DESIGNATION

LPB 326/23

**Name and Address of Property: Memorial Stadium
401 5th Avenue N**

Legal Description:

Parcel A: (198820-0640)

All of Blocks 45 and 52, D. T. Denny's Home Addition, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, page 115, records of King County, Washington; Together with the vacated alleys within said blocks and vacated streets adjacent; Less that portion of vacated road as described in deed to the City of Seattle recorded under Recording No. 0000718000203.

Parcel B: (198820-0775)

Lots 1 through 12, Block 55, D. T. Denny's Home Addition, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, page 115, records of King County, Washington; Together with the vacated alley within said block and vacated streets adjacent; Less that portion of vacated road as described in deed to the City of Seattle recorded under Recording No. 20000718000203.

Together with Parcels C and D described in Easement No. 20000718000204.

Situate in the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington.

On August 16, 2023, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the subject property and scheduled a public meeting to be held on October 4, 2023.

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 the significance of this place may not be embodied in the 1947 stadium structure itself, but rather in the open, outdoor playfield

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area. The Landmarks Board Coordinator believes the significance of the 1951 commemorative Memorial Wall is conveyed through its built features.

Staff recommends consideration of the following features and characteristics:

- The open, outdoor playfield area, as illustrated.
- The memorial wall with associated steps, fountains and other integral features, all of 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.

This recommendation is based upon satisfaction of the following designation standards of SMC 25.12.350:

- 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.*
- C. *It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of 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. (for the Memorial Wall)*
- E. *It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder. (for Marianne Hanson, the designer of the Memorial Wall)*

SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION:

“I move that the Board approve the designation of select features of the Memorial Stadium property at 401 5th Avenue N for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description above; that the designation is based upon satisfaction of Designation Standards A, C, D, and E; that the features and characteristics of the property identified for preservation include: the open, outdoor playfield area, as illustrated; the memorial wall with associated steps, fountains and other integral features, all of 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.”

OR

“I move that the Board approve the designation of the Memorial Stadium property at 401 5th Avenue N for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description above; that the designation is based upon satisfaction of Designation Standards A, C, D, and E; that the features

and characteristics of the property identified for preservation include: the site; the stadium structure (excluding enclosed interior spaces), and the memorial wall.”

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