

The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB-366/78

REPORT ON DESIGNATION

NAME OF PROPERTY: BYSTROM RESIDENCE
1022 Summit Avenue East

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Assessor File # 216390 1670
East Park Addition, Block 18, Lot 13

OWNER: Arne Bystrom
1022 Summit Avenue East
Seattle, Washington 98102

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGNATION:

On November 1, 1978, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the subject property. Subsequently Board Staff continued research and analysis of the property, and recommend designation with preservation of the following features or characteristics:

Entire exterior and interior of building, not including the site.

This recommendation is based upon satisfaction of the following criteria of Ordinance 106348[Section 3.01]:

- {2} It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the city, state, or nation;

This house, built in 1890 by a New York owner, A.G. Bower, was at one time the residence of Eugene Semple, the last

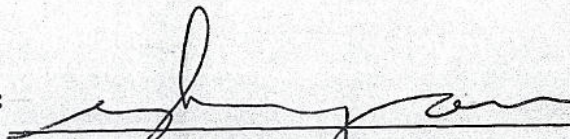
governor of the Washington Territory, and the unsuccessful candidate for first elected governor of the State of Washington. Semple leased the house with option to buy, and he and his daughters lived here until 1894. In addition to his political position, Semple was responsible for the filling of {Seattle} tidelands. He also lobbied for a ship canal to the south of the central city, but his plans were fouled by Thomas Burke, David Denny, Judge McGilvra, and others who desired the Lake Washington Ship Canal to the north, at its present location.

- {4} It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction;

Half-hidden by trees and shrubs, the Bystrom house is set back and above the street and is reached by a steep flight of stairs. It is a two story T-shaped frame building with angled bays on the first floor front {defining the living room or front parlor} and first floor side {defining the dining room}. Modifications to the building to provide modern-day conveniences and additional light have been accomplished with a sensitive understanding of Victorian decorative styling. Architect Bystrom has rebuilt the front porch, using several original turned balusters and posts as models for the rest. At the rear, he has enlarged the kitchen and opened it to the sun, but has used small panes of tinted and clear glass set in wood frames to reconstruct the sun porch. Throughout the house, stained glass edging has been added to windows in the manner of the original Victorian windows in the entry door and front hall. Where necessary, new scalloped shingles have been added in the gable sections and block decoratives to the barge-boards. New windows in the gables use mullions in sunburst patterns. These are accented with new spindle work decoratives in the major gables. Bystrom has also stripped and restored all the original woodwork inside the house.

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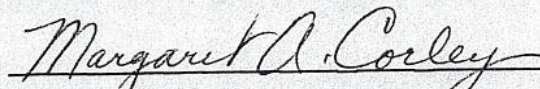
REPORT SUBMITTED BY:


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City Historic Preservation Officer

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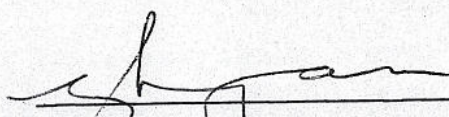
REPORT APPROVED: By vote of 7 to 1 Landmarks Preservation

Board at Public Hearing on:


Peggy Corley, Chairperson

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cc: Peggy Corley
William Justen
Owner