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COMPTROLLER
FILE NUMBER 283709

RECOMMENDATION *CB 97920*
OF

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD TO DESIGNATE OLD FIRE STATION NO. 3 (LOCATED AT 301 TERRY AVENUE) AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK FOR PRESERVATION.

JUL 13 1976

FILED

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COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

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ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:


Your **PLANNING & URBAN DEV.** Committee

to which was referred the within..... **RECOMMENDATION**

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that.....

THE SAME BE ADOPTED

CHAIRMAN



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**Seattle City Council
Memorandum**

Date: July 23, 1976
To: John Harris, Corporation Counsel
From: Paul Kraabel, Chairman, P&UD Committee
Subject: Requests for legislation, C.F.'s 283709 through 283723

The attached memorandum from Roberta Deering to Warren McGee contains corrections to several of the draft ordinances contained in each file. Please incorporate the corrections in the memorandum into the legislation prepared for each landmark.

In the past, the Office of Urban Conservation disagreed with the form and content of designating ordinances prepared by your office. They ask, and the committee agreed to request, that you confer with the Office of Urban Conservation regarding any significant changes which you feel should appropriately be made to the form or content of the draft ordinances accompanying each file. The contact person in the Office of Urban Conservation is Roberta Deering, phone 4501.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Warren Mc Gee
FROM: Roberta Deering - O.U.C.
SUBJECT: Non-controversial Landmark recommendations

Warren - would you like me to retype the ordinances with the corrections? Let me know
Roberta Deering
call 4501 any questions

Corrections to ordinances submitted to the PUD Committee:

Fire Stations 3, 18, 23, 25, 33:

All stations, except #33, should have the following criteria only:

- (1) has significant character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or Nation; or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past;
- (5) embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or engineering specimen;
- (7) contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation;
- (9) owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or city;

Add to all firestation controls:

"those parts of the interior that would affect the exterior appearance."

St. Spiridon & St. Nicholas Cathedrals:

Change Control "b." to read - "any alteration and repairs to the interior of the exterior walls."

Stimson-Green Mansion-

The date on the second "WHEREAS" should be changed to Jan. 7, 1976.

Ellsworth Storey Houses:

First sentence should read: "An ordinance designating the Ellsworth Storey Houses and connecting structure as Landmarks..."

change control "a." to read - "alterations or demolition of the two connected structures, or portions thereof, including the connecting arched passageway and garages;"

Seattle Buddhist Church:

Add criteria (1) and criteria (5)

- (1) has significant character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or Nation; or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past;

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE designating the Old Fire Station No. 3 as a
Landmark for preservation under Ordinance 102229.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 102229 created the Landmarks Preservation Board and established a procedure for the designation and preservation of structures and areas having historical, cultural, architectural, engineering or geographic importance; and

WHEREAS, the Landmark Preservation Board after a public hearing on March 19, 1975 determined that the Old Fire Station No. 3 satisfied the following criteria required under Ordinance 102229 for designation as a Landmark:

Section 6 (1). has significant character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City, State or Nation; or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past;

Section 6 (5). embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or engineering specimen;

and recommended to the City Council that the Old Fire Station No. 3
be designated for preservation as a Landmark under Ordinance 102229; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Urban Development Committee of the City Council considered the recommendation of the Landmark Preservation Board at a public hearing on _____, and reported to the City Council in favor of such recommendation; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of Designation

The Old Fire Station No. 3, 301 Terry Avenue, Seattle, Washington

is hereby designated for preservation as a Landmark.

Section 2. Controls

Certificates of Approval from the Landmarks Preservation Board are required for the following:

- a. Demolition or construction requiring a city permit;
- b. Changes to the exterior including exterior painting and repair, other than repair in kind;
- c. Interior changes to the ground floor surface, horse stalls, fire pole holes, western upper floor loft;
- d. Removal of loft doors or lookout (hoist beam);
- e. Driveway size and surface repair or restoration;
- f. Landscaping of east, north and south sides of the property.

City of Seattle
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD
Suite 919 - ARCTIC BUILDING - Seattle, Washington 98104

LPB-76/75

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD/Sequence of Events

FIVE FIRESTATIONS:

1. On February 21, 1974, the Board reviewed a letter from Art Skolnik, then Pioneer Square District Manager, requesting the Board to consider five fire stations for historic designation.
2. At their regular meeting of December 18, 1974, the Board received the formal nomination of five fire stations by Jim Stevenson author of "Seattle Firehouses". The fire-stations were Old Number 3, 18, 23, 25 and 33. Following discussion the Board voted unanimously to initiate designation procedures for the five stations.
3. On January 15, 1975, the Board advertised for three days as required in Section 7(c) of the Landmarks Ordinance a notice of a public hearing of the Board to be held on Wednesday, March 19, 1975 to review and possibly act on the consideration of landmarks designation of the five subject stations.
4. On January 29, 1975, the Board toured Old Fire Station 3, 23 and 25. The Board was requested to visit Number 18 and 33 individually.
5. On March 19, 1975, the Landmarks Board passed a recommendation for landmarks designation for Old Fire Stations 3,18,23,25,and 33.

JJ:hg
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Your
Seattle
Community Development

Paul E. S. Schell, Director
Wes Uhlmar, Mayor

May 17, 1976



LPB-52/76

The Editor
Daily Journal of Commerce
83 Columbia Street
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Sir:

Please run the following notification in your issue of May 19, 20, & 21, 1976, and run for a total of three days. Also, please send us with your billing an affidavit/proof of publication.

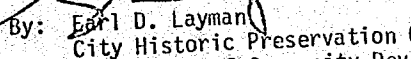
NOTIFICATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION PROCEDURES

In accordance with provisions of the Seattle Landmark Preservation Ordinance No. 102229, Section 7, Paragraph (f), notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Planning & Urban Development Committee of the Seattle City Council on Wednesday, July 21, 1976, to review and recommend on the possible designation as landmarks of the following buildings/properties/sites:

Fire Station ③, 18, 23, 25, 33
West Queen Anne Walls
Arboretum Aqueduct
Ward House
Stimson-Green Mansion
2 Storey Houses
Chinese Community Bulletin Board
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Cathedral
St. Spiridon Greek Orthodox Church Cathedral
Seattle Buddhist Church
Trinity Church

The hearings on the above proposals will be held in the City Council Chambers on the Eleventh Floor of the Seattle Municipal Building beginning at 2:00pm.

PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Paul Kraabel, Chairman

By:  Earl D. Layman
City Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Community Development

cc: Paul Kraabel
Paul E.S. Schell
J. Peter Staten

Landmarks Preservation Board

Seattle Historic Building Data Sheet

1. Name (common or present and/or historic) Old Fire Station No. 3

2. Street and Number 301 Terry Avenue Block _____ Lot _____ Year Built 1903

3. Present Owner City of Seattle Present Use Park maintenance shop

4. Interim Owner(s) City of Seattle Interim Use(s) _____

5. Original Owner City of Seattle Original Use Fire Station

6. Architect _____ Builder _____

7. Assessed Value: Building _____ Land _____ Assessors File No. _____

8. Classification:

Building

Site

Structure

Object

Other

Public

Private

Both

Occupied

Unoccupied

Preservation work in progress

Threatened by demolition

Unknown

Open to Public:

Yes

No

Hours Upon request

9. Neighborhood Information:

A. Compatibility With Neighborhood

Structure Yes _____ No X

Use Yes _____ No X

B. Importance to Neighborhood

Great _____

Moderate _____

Minor _____

C. Architecturally Strong Neighborhood

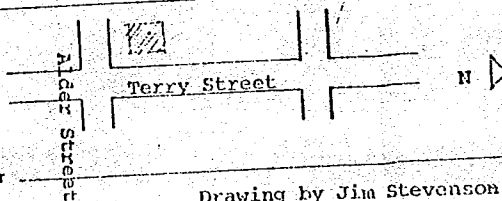
Comments The neighborhood, originally residential, has been much disrupted by recent development of Harborview Hospital, nearby clinics and apartment houses.

10. Special Research Sources (Be Specific, list name of item and where found)

National Register Nomination Form

"Seattle Firehouses" by Jim Stevenson

11. Cross Street Reference



12. Photos Attached & Photographer

Drawing by Jim Stevenson

13. Physical Description

A. Style of Architecture
Residential - Tudor Style

B. Construction Material
Ground Floor brick
Upper Floor - wood frame

C. No. of Stories

D. Condition
Excellent _____
Good X _____
Fair _____
Poor _____

E. Exterior Desecration of Original Design

None or little X _____
Moderate amount _____
Considerable _____

Note: Hose drying tower removed.

F. Architectural worth at Example of Its Style

Exceptional _____
Excellent X _____
Good _____
Fair _____
Poor _____

G. Notable Features: (Be specific, i.e., detailing, craftsmanship, proportions, materials, colors, interior, etc. Refer to Guidelines of Landmarks Preservation Board).

Old Firehouse No. 3 sited on the northeast corner of the intersection of Terry Avenue and Alder Street, was set back from the street with a well landscaped yard in an effort to make the building more compatible with the then residential neighborhood on First Hill. The building itself is of Tudor style architecture, most probably again to be compatible with the large homes of the original neighborhood. The ground floor, of the two-storey structure, is faced in purple and buff brick of common bond. All the original doors remain in operable condition except for the removal of the opening springs. The upper floor and attic are faced to mimic half timber and stucco construction, with pairs of double hung windows having a single pane on the lower half and multiple panes on the upper half. The rear of the building retains the hayloft hatch and beam used to hoist hay to the loft. Especially noteworthy is the wood detailing of the second floor and intricate brackets under the eaves.

The interior of the firehouse contains much of the original equipment used when the building served as a horse-drawn firehouse. The brick floor still contains the steel rails used to park the apparatus. The holes in the ceiling remain visible, although firemen's poles have been removed and the openings patched from above. In the rear of the building the hayloft can still be recognized as well as the stall doors and the horse stables. Many smaller items of this era can also be found upon closer inspection.

14. Significance

A. Major Significance

- Historical
- Architectural
- Engineering
- Cultural
- Geographical
- Archaeological

B. Level of Significance

- National
- State
- Community

C. Statement of Significance (Be specific, history, personages, events, etc.)

Numbers apply to Landmarks Ordinance criteria Section 6. Numbers not listed do not significantly apply to subject property.

Section 6

(1) Old Fire Station No. 3 is Seattle's oldest remaining firehouse. The station, built in 1903 and abandoned as a firehouse 18 years later, housed Engine Hose Company 3, and until 1913 the Ladder Company 3. The station never had motor equipment. The firehouse remains as a reminder of an era of only horse-drawn apparatus. The hay loft in the rear still has its loft door and hoist beam used to lift the bales of hay from the alley to the loft above. Below, the original stables and horse stalls remain, many still covered with sheet metal to protect the wood from gnawing horses. The apparatus room where the fire wagons were kept still has its original brick floor complete with steel rails which gave the wagons a faster start and aided the fireman in backing the wagons back into the firehouse. The large wagon doors, much larger than those of later firehouses designed later, after the introduction of motor equipment, remain in much of their original condition. Upon closer inspection, many smaller items can be found, all reminders of an era past, of firewagons, clanging bells and charging horses.

Section 6

(5) The exterior of the firehouse is designed in what might be called "tudor style." This is understandable since when the station was built in 1903, the neighborhood was largely residential, comprised of many of the finest large homes in Seattle. Tudor style architecture is generally associated with residential construction rather than commercial and so this was the choice for the design of Old Firehouse No. 3, which would be more appropriate for the neighborhood. The choice of this style, together with the building being set back from the street and landscaped surrounding lawn, created a design that was compatible with the neighborhood.

Surveyor Signature

John Johnson

Date

13 March 1975

Reviewed:

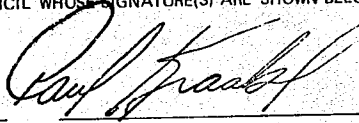
Historic Preservation Officer

Date

TIME AND DATE STAMP

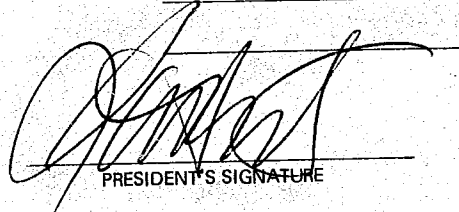
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