

The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB-138.1/77

REPORT ON DESIGNATION/REPEALER/120 DAY PROPERTIES

NAME OF PROPERTY: The Austin A. Bell Building
2320-2326 First Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 5 & portion of Lot 4, Block 27, Bell
& Denny's First Addition.

OWNERS: Samis Land Company
408 Occidental Avenue South
Seattle, Washington 98104

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGNATION:

On December 15, 1976, the Landmarks Preservation Board conducted a Public Hearing to consider the nomination of the Austin A. Bell Building as a Seattle Landmark. After reviewing the nomination and hearing testimony (see also Seattle Historic Data Sheet, copy attached) the Board voted to recommend designation to the Seattle City Council based on satisfaction of the following criteria of Ordinance 102229:

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; or

Section 6(3) - exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community; or

Section 6(4) - portrays the environment in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; or

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGNATION (cont.)

Section 6(6) - is the work of a designer whose individual work has significantly influenced the development of Seattle; or

Section 6(9) - owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or city.

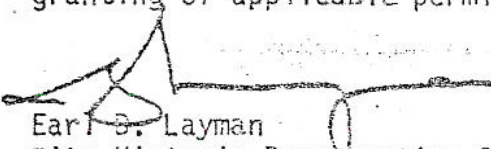
PROTECTIONS:

In recommending designation on the basis of the above enumerated criteria, the following specific elements were recognized for protections:

Austin A. Bell Building -

The facades of the structure, the First Avenue facades in particular.

Review of any changes or improvements to the above elements of the structure other than in-kind maintenance and repair require review by the Board and either issuance of endorsements or Certificates of Approval prior to the granting of applicable permits by the City.



Earl S. Layman
City Historic Preservation Officer

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Seattle Historic Building Data Sheet

1. Name (common or present and/or historic) Austin A. Bell Building (Bell Apartments)
Bell and Denny's First Addition
2. Street and Number 2320-26 First Avenue Block 27 Lot 5 & Year Built 1889
small por. lot 4
3. Present Owner Sam Israel, Samis Land Co. Present Use mfg. offices
4. Interim Owner(s) _____ Interim Use(s) mfg./ apartments
5. Original Owner Austin A. Bell Original Use apartments
6. Architect Elmer Fisher Builder _____
7. Assessed Value: Building _____ Land _____ Assessors File No. _____

8. Classification:

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied - <u>partially</u> | Open to Public: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | in progress | Hours _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened by | |
| | | demolition | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |

9. Neighborhood Information:

A. Compatibility With Neighborhood

Structure Yes No _____

Use Yes No _____

B. Importance to Neighborhood

Great _____

Moderate _____

Minor _____

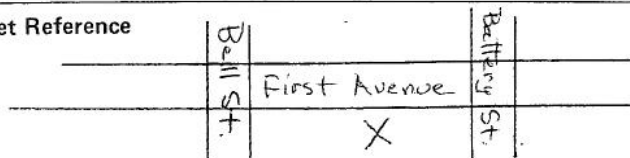
C. Architecturally Strong Neighborhood

Comments Built by the son of the homesteader of the area, William Bell, who was also a founder of the City. It is one of the original and focal structures of the area, reflecting in scale and use the development planned for the area: small businesses and apartments.

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

see attached National Register form and Historic Building form.

11. Cross Street Reference



12. Photos Attached & Photographer Office of Urban Conservation

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