The Making of a Landmark: A True Story
(the cartoon version)

1. Community nominates a building, site or object.

2. Historic Preservation (HP) staff reviews nomination, makes sure it’s complete and sends to Landmarks Preservation Board.

3. Landmarks Preservation Board (LPB), made up of community members, holds public meeting. Nominators present their application, public can comment and Board votes Yes or No to nominate.

4. DESIGNATION
LPB holds public meeting to review designation. Nominators present; public comments. NOTE: Sometimes the whole building/site/object is designated. Or it might be specific part(s), like the exterior of a building. LPB votes Yes or No to designate.

5. CONTROLS AND INCENTIVES AGREEMENT
Staff negotiates with owner to create an “Agreement” that states which changes require LPB review, and it identifies incentives like tax breaks and building code exemptions.

6. DESIGNATING ORDINANCE
HP staff prepares legislation that turns the agreement into an Ordinance (basically a law).

7. Seattle City Council votes on the Ordinance.

Process ends.

What can owners do to maintain their Landmark and keep it awesome for future generations? There are incentives and programs to help them. Learn more at: seattle.gov/neighborhoods/historic-preservation

TRUE STORIES OF REAL LANDMARKS

The Log House
Alki Beach, West Seattle
Nominated by Southwest Seattle Historical Society
Landmark since 1995

Volunteer Park
15th Ave E + E Prospect, Capitol Hill
Nominated by Friends of Seattle’s Olmsted Parks
Landmark since 2002

The Hat ‘n’ Boots
Oxbow Park, Georgetown
Nominated by Georgetown Community Council and Docomomo WEWA
Landmark since 2002

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