



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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REPORT ON DESIGNATION

LPB-262/80

Name of Property: The Hainsworth/Gordon House, 2657, 37th Avenue S.W.

Legal Description: Wheeler's Western, Block E, Lot 4 less S. 30'; All of lots 5 & 6 & E. 30' of lot 7 & E. 30' of lot 8 & N 8' of E. 30' and S. 12' of N 20' of E 22' of 9.

At its meeting of June 04, 1980 the City of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve the designation of the Hainsworth/Gordon House as a Seattle Landmark based upon satisfaction of the following criteria for designation of City 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.

The Hainsworth/Gordon Residence was built for William Hainsworth, an early industrialist and real estate developer who settled in Seattle in 1889. Hainsworth initially owned and operated a steel mill in Ballard. He later became active in the development of West Seattle.

Section 3.01 (4) It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction.

The Hainsworth/Gordon Residence, built in 1907 is one of the finest tudor-inspired residences built in Seattle during the first twenty years of this century. Its design faithfully evokes the character of its Elizabethan ancestors, particularly the organization of fenestration into nearly continuous horizontal bands. Architecturally, the residence compares well with the Stimson/Green Mansion, the Ferry Mansion, and the Kraus/Andersson Residence, all three of which are designated City Landmarks.

Section 3.01 (5) It is the outstanding work of a designer or builder.

The Hainsworth/Gordon Residence is one of the outstanding designs of the locally prominent partnership of architects John Graham Sr. and David Myers. Graham's practice grew to become an internationally known architectural firm. His work in Seattle includes Trinity Church, the Ferry Mansion, the Bon Marche, Frederick and

Nelson, and the Joshua Green Building. Myers later became associated with the partnership Shack Young and Myers.

Section 3.01 (6) Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city, and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the city.

The Hainsworth/Gordon Residence and its grounds contribute significantly to the distinctive character and identity of the northeastern portion of the West Seattle. Its prominent siting and complementary landscaping are rich elements of West Seattle's built environment, largely composed of modest builder homes or lesser architectural consequence. At the time of its completion in 1907, it was one of the impressive showplaces of West Seattle and its presence was responsible for attracting other well established families to the area.

Features and characteristics identified for preservation include the entire exterior of the house and the site.

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