



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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STAFF REPORT ON DESIGNATION

LPB 321/23

**Name and Address of Property: Seattle Center Playhouse and Exhibition Hall
201 & 301 Mercer Street**

Legal Description:

All of blocks 43 and 44 in D. T. Denny's Home Addition to the City of Seattle, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, Page 115, in King County Washington;

Together with all of the vacated alleys in said blocks and those portions of vacated 2nd Avenue North, 3rd Avenue North, Nob Hill Avenue and Republican Street which attached thereto by operation of law pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 53343, 90268, 115773, and 120013 of the City of Seattle.

Except for the following described area:

Commencing at the northeast corner of block 53 in D. T. Denny's Home Addition to the City of Seattle, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, Page 115, in King County, Washington;

Thence N 88°42'03" W, along the north line of said block 53, a distance of 12.30 feet to a point that is 12.30 feet west of and perpendicular to the west right of way of 4th Avenue North as shown on said plat and the point of beginning:

Thence continuing N 88°42'03" W, along the north line of said block 53, a distance of 192.05 feet;

Thence S 1°33'28" W, a distance of 63.59 feet;

Thence S 88°26'32" E, a distance of 6.03 feet;

Thence S 1°33'28" W, a distance of 10.00 feet;

Thence N 88°26'32" W, a distance of 6.03 feet;

Thence S 1°33'28" W, a distance of 6.26 feet;

Thence S 88°40'22" E, a distance of 9.67 feet;

Thence S 1°18'49" W, a distance of 262.37 feet;

Thence S 88°33'57" E, a distance of 181.99 feet to a point that is 12.30 feet west of and perpendicular to the west right of way of 4th

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Avenue North as shown on said plat;
Thence N 1°26'03" E, parallel to the west right of way of 4th Avenue
North, a distance of 342.66 feet to the point of beginning.
Containing 349,197 square feet, more or less.

On August 2, 2023, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the subject property and scheduled a public meeting to be held on September 20, 2023.

Staff recommends consideration of the following features and characteristics:

- The site.
- The colonnades.
- The exteriors of the buildings.

This recommendation is based upon satisfaction of the following designation standards of SMC 25.12.350:

- A. *It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, an historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation.*
- C. *It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation.*
- D. *It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction.*
- E. *It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder.*

SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION:

“I move that the Board approve the designation of the Seattle Center Playhouse and Exhibition Hall at 201 and 301 Mercer Street for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description above; that the designation is based upon satisfaction of Designation Standards A, C, D, and E; that the features and characteristics of the property identified for preservation include: the site; the colonnades, and the exteriors of the buildings.”

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