

The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 355/24

STAFF REPORT ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

University of Washington Anderson Hall 3715 W Stevens Way NE

Features and Characteristics for which a Certificate of Approval is required:
A portion of the site; the exterior of the building; and a portion of the interior, including the First Floor main entryway and hall with vaulted ceilings, the east and west stairs from the Ground Floor up through the Third Floor (excluding the adjacent hallways), the Reading Room at the Second and Third Floors, and the Auditorium/Lecture Hall at the Second and Third Floors.

Designated under Standards: C, D, and E

Summary of proposed changes: Demolition of the mezzanine and stair in the Reading Room (Forest Club Room). Selective salvage and reinstallation of the guardrail and trim as a decorative feature on the fireplace wall.

Suggested Language for Approval:

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for the proposed selective demolition and interior alterations in the Reading Room of the University of Washington Anderson Hall, 3715 W Stevens Way NE, as per the attached submittal.

This action is based on the following:

- 1. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 A, the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change would adversely affect the features or characteristics described in Ordinance 127092.
 - a. The mezzanine is a primary architectural feature in the Reading Room. However, the applicant demonstrated the need to remove it for security and safety reasons.

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- 2. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 B, the reasonableness or lack thereof of the proposed alterations or significant change in light of other alternatives available to achieve the objectives of the owner and the applicant.
 - a. The applicant explored alternatives to preserve it in part or whole with increased structural support, but indicated that it would not resolve the larger issues.
- 3. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 C, the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change may be necessary to meet the requirements of any other law, statute, regulation, code or ordinance.
 - a. The mezzanine is not accessible.
- 4. The factors of SMC 25.12 .750 D and E are not applicable.