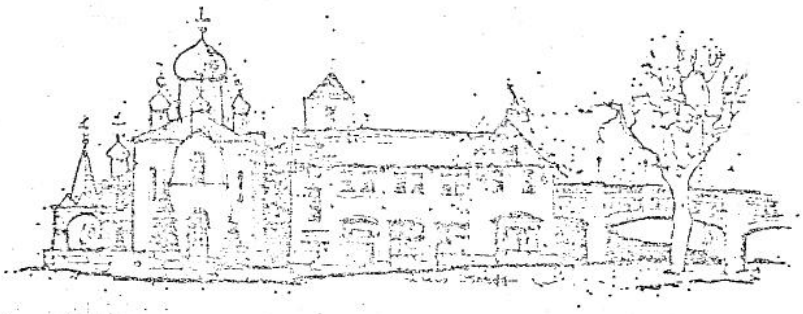


The City of Seattle

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 & Dennys 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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