

5021, 5015 & 5001 RAINIER AVENUE S



PREVIOUS REPORT

Three Buildings in Historic Columbia City
A Review of 5001, 5015 & 5022 Rainier Avenue South
for Harbor Properties

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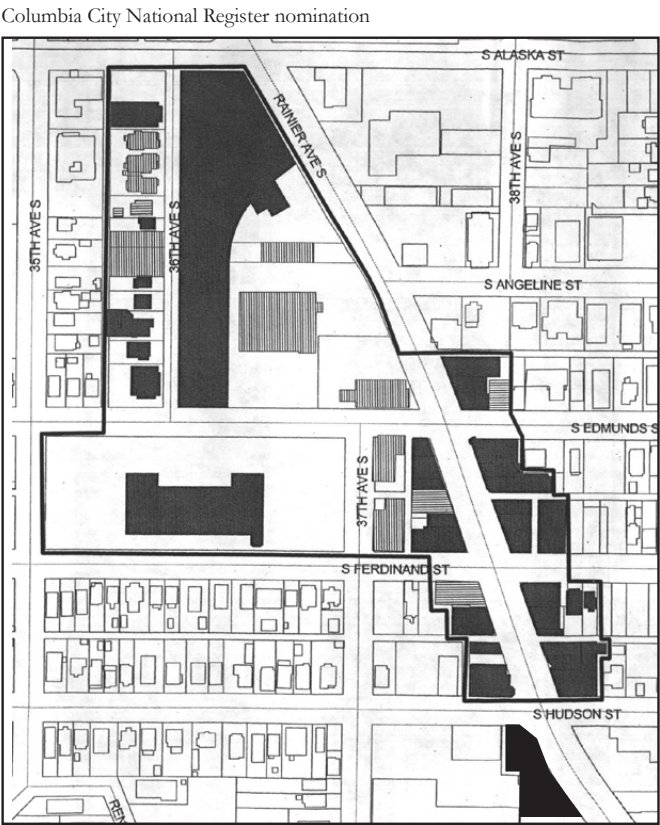


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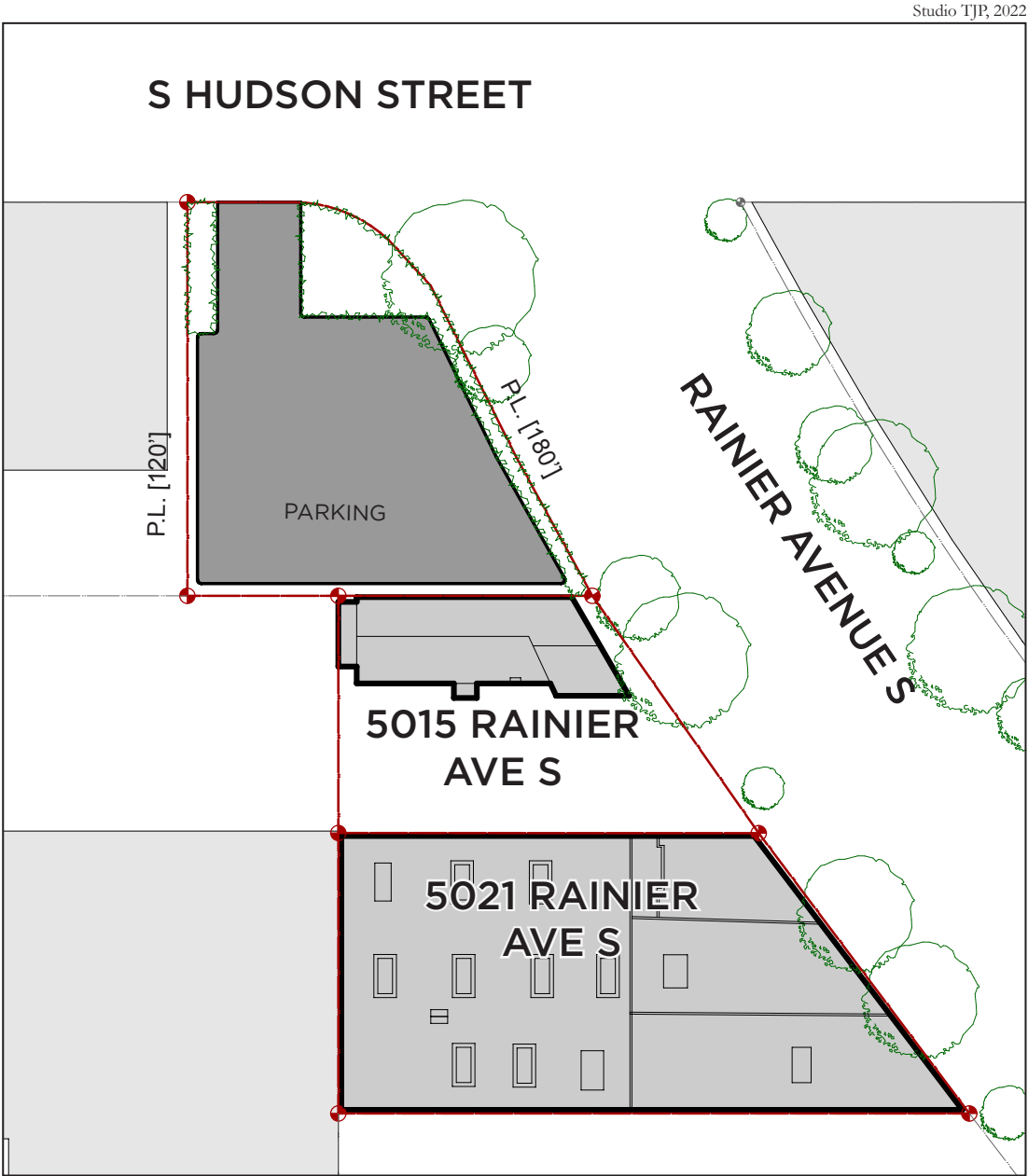
LOCATION



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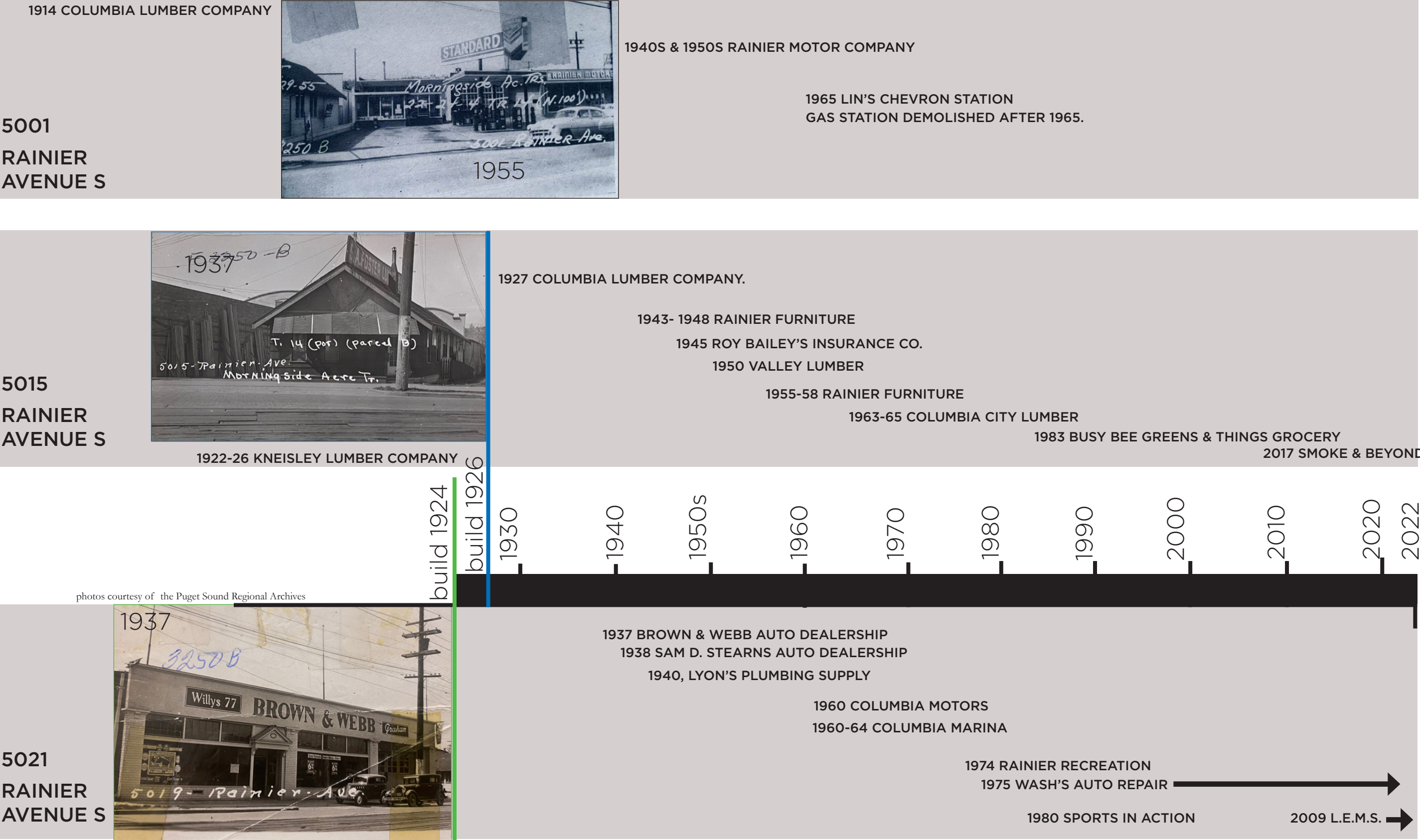


SITE PLAN

1515 RAINIER AVE S (L.E.M.S. BOOKSTORE):
1924 CONSTRUCTION
1926-1996 ALTERATIONS

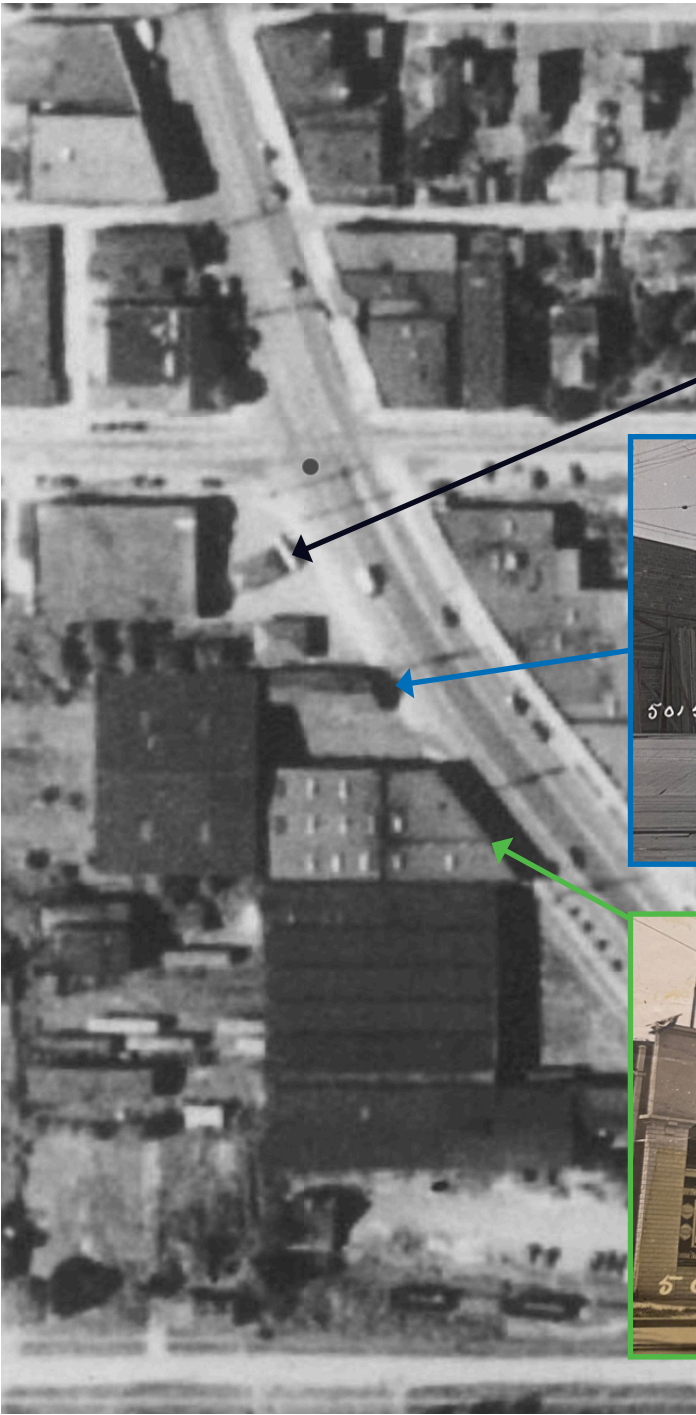
1521 RAINIER AVENUE S (SMOKE & BEYOND):
1926 CONSTRUCTION
1928-2022 ALTERATIONS

TIMELINE: Tenants



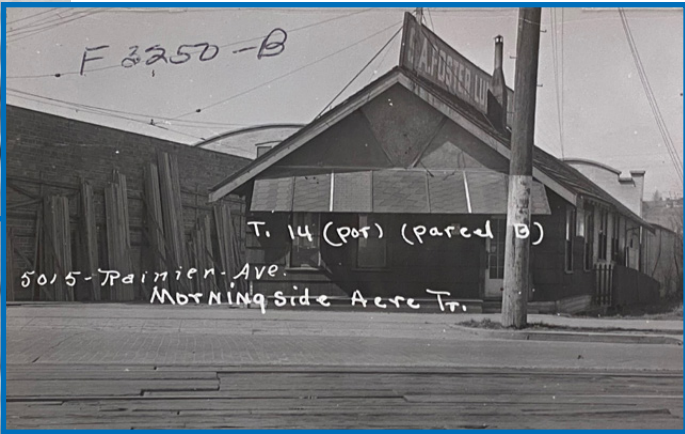
TIMELINE: Buildings

1936-37



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MID-20TH CENTURY



21ST CENTURY

King County tax assessor



CONDITION: 2021



A. DEGRADED ORIGINAL MATERIALS ON SECONDARY FACADES
B. NON-ORIGINAL MATERIALS ON STREET FACING FACADE



JOHN L. MCCAULEY (1879-1957)



A. Bush Hotel in the International District (1915-1916),

B. the Masonic Ark Loge #126 in Columbia City (1920-1921, now the Columbia City Cinema)

C. the Governor Apartments in the International District (1926),

D. the Publix Hotel in the International District (1927-1928)



PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE



Theodore D. Weed, Myrtle Weed (left), and Luverne Weed (right), 1932



Vickie Williams, owner of L.E.M.S. Bookstore, inside her store, date unknown



WASHIN MURAKAMI (1928-2021)



Wash Murakami was born in Auburn, Washington to Moritsuchi & Yoshi Murakami, second to the last of 13 children in a farming family. At the age of 14, Wash and his family were incarcerated at Minidoka, Idaho. Wash was the owner of Wash's Auto Repair in Columbia City serving the Greater Seattle community for almost 50 years. He died in 2021 at the age of 93.