



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

Mailing Address: PO Box 94649, Seattle WA 98124-4649

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STAFF REPORT ON DESIGNATION

LPB 13/22

Name and Address of Property: **Panama Hotel and Hashidate Yu Bathhouse**
605 South Main Street

Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 42, Town of Seattle, as laid out by D.S. Maynard (commonly known as D.S. Maynard's Plat of Seattle), according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1 of Plats, page 23, in King County, Washington.

On December 1, 2021, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the subject property and scheduled a public meeting to be held on January 19, 2022.

Staff recommends designation of the following features and characteristics:

- The exterior of the building.
- The following interior spaces and features: the main entry stairs from the first-floor entry up to the fifth floor (including associated features and finishes, including but not limited to the double doors at the second floor landing); the third floor hotel reception areas features and finishes; the hotel corridors including associated features and finishes (hotel room doors, transoms, and trim); and the bathhouse, located in the western third of the basement, including features and finishes.

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, a 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 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 Panama Hotel and Hashidate Yu Bathhouse, at 605 South Main Street, 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 exterior of the building; and the following interior spaces and features: the main entry stairs from the first-floor entry up to the fifth floor (including associated features and finishes, including but not limited to the double doors at the second floor landing); the third floor hotel reception areas features and finishes; the hotel corridors including associated features and finishes (hotel room doors, transoms, and trim); and the bathhouse, located in the western third of the basement, including features and finishes.

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