



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 233/24

STAFF REPORT ON DESIGNATION

University Way Apartments 4750 University Way NE

Legal Description:

Lot 28 in Block 2 of University Heights Addition to the City of Seattle, as per plat recorded in Volume 9 of Plats, page 41, records of King County.

On August 7, 2024, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the subject property and scheduled a public meeting to be held on September 18, 2024.

The Landmarks Board Coordinator acknowledges the unquestionable cultural significance of Bruce Lee and his work at the local, national, and international level, but is concerned that Mr. Lee's limited association with this building may not rise to the level of a landmark.

Staff recommends consideration of the following features and characteristics:

- The exterior of the building.

This consideration acknowledges the following potential designation standard, per SMC 25.12.350:

- B. It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation.

Suggested Language for Approval of Designation:

"I move that the Board approve the designation of the University Way Apartments at 4750 University Way NE for consideration as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description above; that the designation is based upon satisfaction of Designation Standard B; that the features and characteristics of the property identified for preservation include: the exterior of the building.

Suggested Language for Disapproval of Designation:

Administered by The Historic Preservation Program
The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

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“I move that the Board not approve the designation of the University Way Apartments at 4750 University Way NE as a Seattle Landmark, as it does not meet any of the designation standards, as required by SMC 25.12.350.

or

“I move that the Board not approve the designation of the University Way Apartments at 4750 University Way NE as a Seattle Landmark, as it does not have the integrity or ability to convey its significance, as required by SMC 25.12.350.

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