Connecting and Protecting: Advocacy Update

"If we don't care about our past, we cannot hope for the future...I care desperately about saving old buildings."

— Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

The Newsletter of Historic Seattle

THESE WORDS - A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION - were spoken more than 40 years ago in an effort to protect New York's Grand Central Station. Decades later and thousands of miles away, the sentiment still holds true. With the recent demolition of the landmarked Galbraith House, no controls placed on the landmarked Wayne Apartments, and a land use lawsuit underway over the landmarked Sullivan House, we hear your voices saying that we must care more desperately about our past as we build for our future.

Thanks to your generous support, we have been fighting to do just that throughout the past year. Yet, with each saved place – like C&P Coffee in West Seattle — or the landmarks mentioned above, we know that much more work remains.

It's important to understand how Seattle's landmarks ordinance works. A landmark designation, while a victory in its own right, does not protect a historic property on its own. Additional steps in the process come into play following a designation, and these steps are even more vital to ensuring a building's continued preservation.

This ordinance has been an excellent source of protection for hundreds of historic buildings throughout our city. With these examples, though, we have identified areas where it can be strengthened. When a landmark is designated, it means "this place matters." This year, we plan to work with community groups and the City to ensure that it also means "this place matters enough to be saved."

With your support for our advocacy work this year – by caring desperately – you can help us do more to save places that matter around our city.

GiveBIG

(One last time!)

On May 9, The Seattle Foundation is organizing the final GiveBIG citywide fundraising initiative. We're aiming to raise \$30,000 between this day of community giving and our spring campaign to support our 2018 advocacy work.

Please remember Historic Seattle and help make this final year of GiveBIG the biggest and best yet!





Landmark designation is just one step of a process to protect a historic building. Pictured above: the now demolished landmarked Galbraith House. Photos (left) by Joe Mabel and (right) Tom Heuser.





Above left: Over 125 years old and still under threat despite a recent landmark designation, Belltown's Wayne Apartments are located in the only remaining building that predates the Denny Regrade.

Above right: A legal battle has ensued over the landmark designation of Capitol Hill's 1898 Sullivan House.

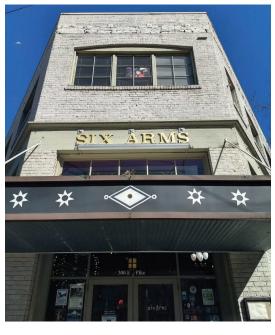
Nominate Your Favorite Preservation Project, Person, or Pursuit

SAVE THE DATE: HISTORIC SEATTLE'S ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS BENEFIT will be held on Thursday, September 20th at Washington Hall. Enjoy dinner, drinks, and celebrating preservation successes, in support of our mission. For the first time we are accepting nominations for the Preservation Awards, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of this event. Contact naomiw@historicseattle.org to reserve your spot or for more information on making a nomination. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 30.

Toast To The Past

ON MAY 8, MCMENAMINS SIX ARMS will donate 50% of the night's profits to support Historic Seattle's mission. Come learn about the history of the building from McMenamins Historian Kerry Conroy, and enjoy a drink (or two - it's for a good cause after all)!

300 E Pike St | 5 to 9 PM | Lecture at 6:30



Right: Glasses raised high to celebrate successful preservation at last year's gth annual Preservation Awards. Credit: Sticks & Stones Photography



Changes at Historic Seattle

IN FEBRUARY, OUR 2018 EDUCATION PROGRAM COMMENCED with new Program Manager Liz Johnson welcoming members and friends to the Museum of Flight for the first of our quarterly Members Meetings. We asked attendees to share why preservation matters as part of a strategic planning kickoff. As one so aptly said,

"Historic preservation opens the past to all of us."

Our new strategic plan will guide the next five years of our work, and we look forward to sharing it with you later this year.

We are also excited to introduce a couple of other new faces you'll see around Historic Seattle going forward. Brady Begin joined Historic Seattle in March as our Development and Program Assistant, and Jeffrey Murdock will take on the Preservation Advocacy Coordinator role beginning in May. Also in May, we'll bid a fond farewell

to Lee Murray, who has been a part of our team since 2010, serving most recently as Director of Finance and Administration. Lee will hand the reins over to our current Bookkeeper Jane Davies, who will assume the role of Accounting and Administration Manager. Our team is glad to work with committed supporters like you to protect places that matter.



Above right: Historic Seattle's Jane Davies, Brady Begin, Liz Johnson, and Lee Murray made a site visit to see the renovation project underway at Town Hall. Now viewed by many as a city-wide treasure,

Historic Seattle played a role in saving the once-threatened building by conducting a feasibility study that led to the building's adaptive reuse as Town Hall.

UPCOMING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Public Gardens Lecture & Tour April 21 June 5 April 28 Good Shepherd Center Garden Tour June 23-24 Skagit Hydroelectric Tour April 30 Members Meeting: The July 15 Frank Lloyd Wright Tour (sold out) May 12 North Capitol Hill Apartments Tour (sold out) Members Meeting: May 23 Fremont Bridge Tour

Programs are selling out fast. Please check the website or call for the latest availability!