



Resolution No. 40772 Historic Designation of Wahlgren's Florist Shop

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BACKGROUND



Present day



c. 1949 (TPL)



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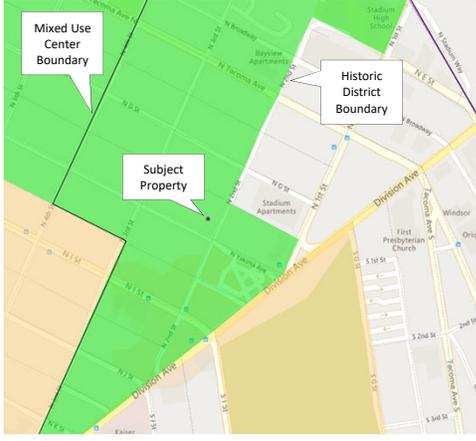
- Property initially presented to the Landmarks Preservation Commission as a demolition review for a proposed redevelopment
- Nomination was submitted by Historic Tacoma, an independent advocacy group
- Following a public hearing, the Commission voted to recommend designation of property to the Tacoma Register of Places, for its association with Tacoma’s historic flower industry as well as for its presence as a familiar and distinctive community landmark.

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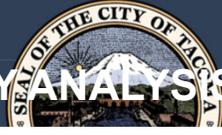


- The site is within the Mixed Use Center, as well as within the Stadium Historic District, representing potentially competing policy objectives for Council to weigh.
- The Mixed Use designation was created in 1993. The National Register Historic District was established in 1977. The overlap between the two areas is over 10 blocks.
- There is a proposed redevelopment project on the site. The owner is opposed to the designation.

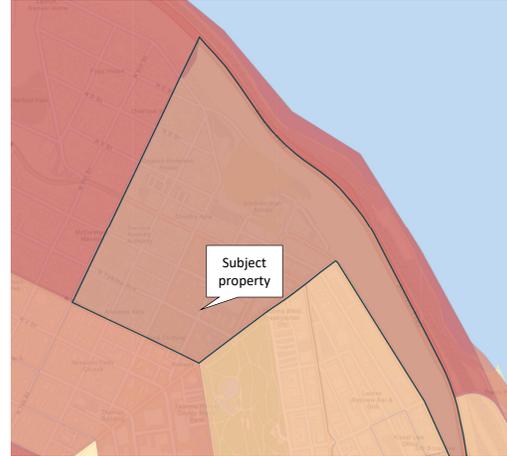


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HEALTH, EQUITY & SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS



- Designation of the Wahlgren's Florist Shop could prevent or reduce the number of new housing units available in this area, which is a very high opportunity area.
- There is not an economic analysis that quantifies this effect, however, and the Commission did not review the merits of any future development.
- Generally, staff believes that historic preservation promotes walkability and livability within a city, and potentially enhances the urban experience for all groups.



Tacoma Equity Map

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REVIEW PROCESS



April 22	Landmarks Commission - Consideration of Historic Assessment report
Aug 12	Landmarks Commission - Preliminary review of nomination
Sept 9	Landmarks Commission - Public Hearing
Sept 23	Landmarks Commission - Review of comments and testimony
Oct 14	Landmarks Commission - Adoption of findings and recommendation
January 13	IPS Committee – briefing
April 6	Council Study Session
April 13	City Council Resolution

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RECOMMENDATIONS



The Landmarks Preservation Commission recommends the following to City Council for consideration and approval:

- Adoption of a resolution designating the Wahlgren's Florist Shop at 201 North Yakima Avenue to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.

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