



June 28, 2010

Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board
c/o Beth Chave

Subject: Admiral's House/Quarters A

Members of the Landmarks Preservation Board:

We are writing to support the nomination and designation of the Admiral's House in Magnolia as a Seattle Historic Landmark.

This house is a prominent landmark, on a well-kept property and stands as a visible reminder of Military architecture of World War II and Navel presence in our neighborhood during that time and after (the Officer's Club below the Garfield Street Bridge (Magnolia Bridge), a Naval housing center at Manor Place and 26th, and the many Admiral's and other officer's who have participated as members of our neighborhood when they occupied the residence.) The house sits on a very visible site above Piers 90-91, where it can be seen from a distance. It also appears to be almost entirely unchanged exteriorly, judging from the photos we've seen.

Members of the Magnolia Historical Society have visited the house at the invitation of the US Navy and Former Naval Officer Herring, a former resident with his family. We did research on the house history and took photos for our archive at the UW Special Collections. We have written about the history regarding World War II and the piers below the house, it's impact on our neighborhood and know the tradition of the Admiral's House in our neighborhood and its historical importance in regional history to the U.S. Navy.

Seattle has few remaining reminders of the World War II era, an era that was so important in developing the Magnolia neighborhood, the city and the region as part of the Navy historical presence in our past. This house is an important reminder of that time and a vital historic asset to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Monica Wooton
President of The Magnolia Historical Society