

Staff Report of Findings

Spokane City/County CLG Recommendation

National Register Eligibility –Moldenhauer House, 808 S Lincoln Street

Applicant/Owner: Ian White & Dustin Hall, owners
Consultant/Nomination Author: Diana Painter, Painter Preservation
Hearing Date: March 20, 2024
Property Address: 808 S. Lincoln Street
Property Name: Moldenhauer, Dr. Hans and Rosaleen, House

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Generally a building, structure, object, site, or district which is more than fifty years old may be designated an historic landmark or historic district if it has significant character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the city, county, state, or nation (36 CFR 60).
 - Built in 1918-19, the Moldenhauer House meets the 50-year age criteria established for listing in the National Register.
2. The property must qualify under one or more criteria for National Register eligibility (36 CFR 60):
The Moldenhauer House is being nominated under Criteria B and Criteria C at the local level.
 - The Dr. Hans and Rosaleen Moldenhauer House is historically significant under **Criterion B** for its direct association with Dr. Hans Moldenhauer, a world-renown musicologist who, in collaboration with his wife Rosaleen, amassed a notable music archive (the Moldenhauer Archive) over a 40-year period. The collection is held by a wide variety of museums across the globe, including the Library of Congress.
 - Over the course of his lifetime, Moldenhauer, a pianist, composer, and musicologist, collected over 100,000 autographs, music manuscripts, letters, and artwork that spanned the history of Western music from medieval times to the modern era, representing such musicians and composers as Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Chopin, Stravinsky, Mahler, Tchaikovsky, Webern, Brahms, Schubert, Bernstein, Gershwin, and Handel. Today, the Library of Congress refers to the Moldenhauer Collection as “the greatest composite gift of music materials ever to be received by the Library of Congress Music Division.”
 - Moldenhauer and his wife also wrote the definitive biography of modern musician Anton von Webern, which won international awards. They produced an additional three volumes on Webern, organized von Webern festivals throughout the world, and founded the Spokane Music Conservatory in 1942.
 - The Moldenhauers were the fourth owners of the nominated home.
 - The house is also historically significant under **Criterion C**, as a property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type and period of construction. Built in 1919 during the Arts & Crafts era, the house displays major characteristics and stylistic influences of this period. In addition to features often seen on a Craftsman style bungalow, the home also includes some unique or unusual features that are singular to this dwelling.
 - The period of significance begins in 1919, the year the house was constructed, and ends in 1987, the year Dr. Hans Moldenhauer passed away. As such, the resource is also being nominated under

Special Criteria Consideration G (for a property whose significance is within the past 50 years). Despite being diagnosed with a degenerative eye disease, Moldenhauer spent the last years of his life finalizing plans for the distribution of his collection and awarded institutions funds to support the care of the collection.

3. The property must also possess integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association (36 CFR 60). *Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance...it is not necessary for a property to retain all its historic physical features...the property must retain, however, the essential physical features that enable it to convey its historic identity* (National Register Bulletin 15).

- The Moldenhauer House retains integrity of location and design. The setting of the house is consistent with its historic setting and will likely remain so, given that much of its immediate and larger setting consists of designated historic properties and districts. The house's materials and craftsmanship very much convey the historic character of the building. As a result of the above factors, the house also retains the aspect of feeling. It also retains integrity of association. Historically a single-family residence, the building retains this function today.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Dr. Hans and Rosaleen Moldenhauer House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria B and C as well as Special Criteria Consideration G.

Preservation Officer Review: Megan Duvall
Nominations Committee:
Landmarks Commission Review: Pending

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