Savoy Bar

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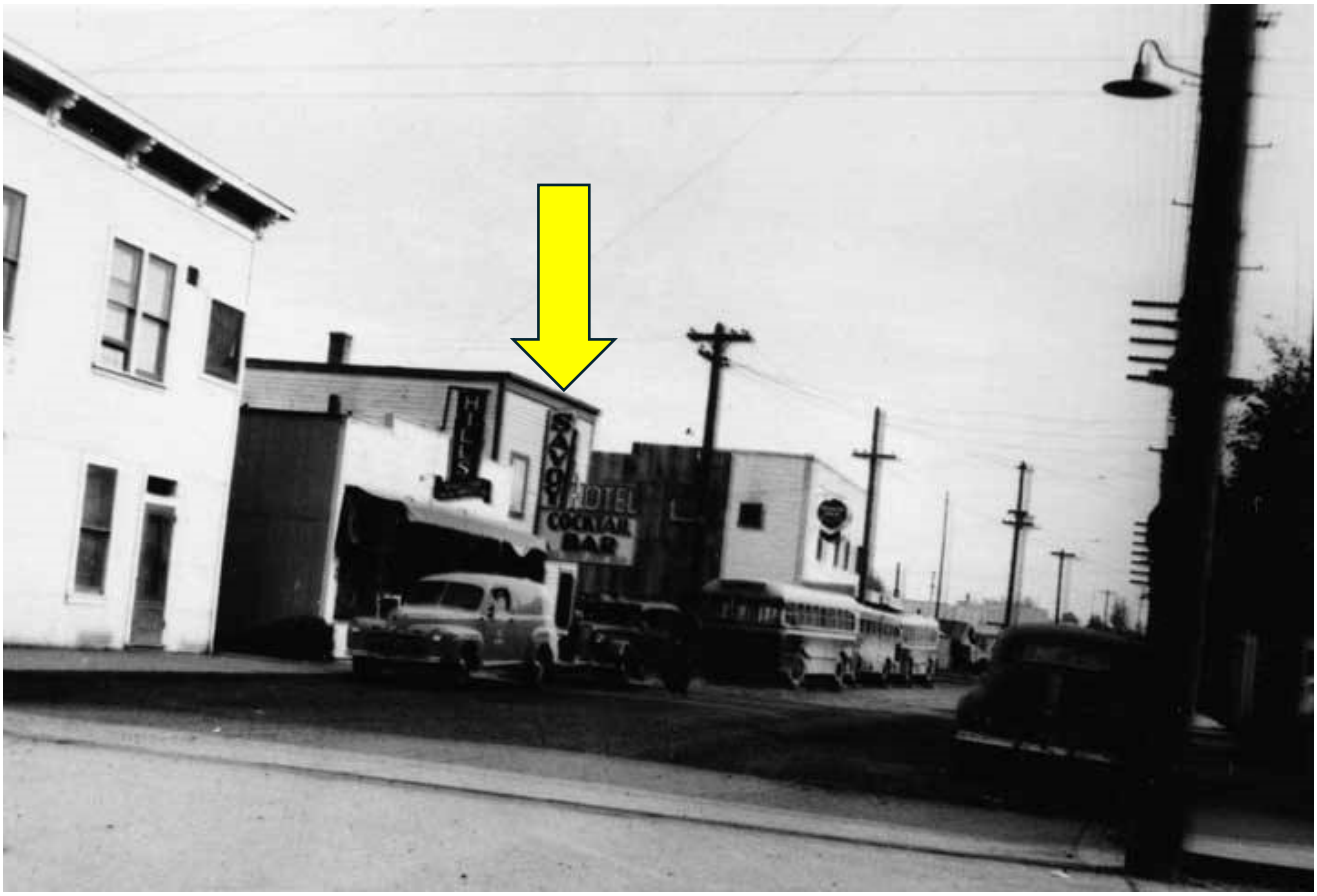

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SAVOY BAR Second and Lacey Corner

We take this occasion to extend our thanks to all the city departments for their unqualified cooperation in their inspections and approval of the performance of the construction and completion of the work, and the counsel for his expression of the legal opinion and recommendation of the granting of the license.

LLOYD W. LEVI
Proprietor

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FDA ponders Savoy Block

by Chuck Malley
AAW Reporter

Even with short legs, it takes only 284 paces to walk around the so-called Savoy Bar Block — a chunk of downtown real estate coveted by the Fairbanks Development Association.

Why coveted? It would make an excellent site for a downtown parking garage.

The FDA has been contemplating buying the block for several years while Mayor Bill Walley's patience grows thin.

"I'm going to appoint some new people," he said at Monday's City Council Meeting. "It's time for them (FDA) to get off their butts and do something with that block."

The mayor wants to see the area bought and cleaned up until a parking facility can be built, which could be several years away. He'd also like to see it done while the FDA still has a $2.5

The Savoy Bar Block is downtown's dreariest face, displaying tired and unattractive cement block rectangles for buildings. Vacant lots yawn at two corners, accommodating down-and-outers. But this is expensive terra firma. Each of the 284 paces around its perimeter represents thousands of dollars.

Just how many thousands has apparently been estimated in an appraiser's letter of opinion to be

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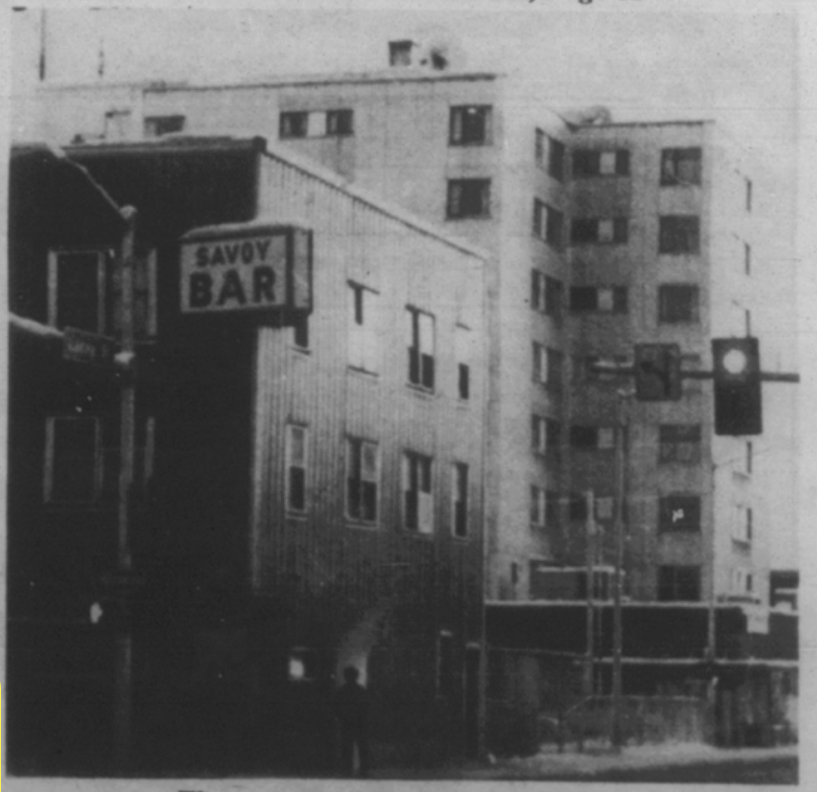

The corner of Second and Lacey

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It's last call at the Savoy Bar

The Savoy Bar was expected to close at 5 a.m. today, and its owners were given five days to clear the downtown bar of their personal belongings.

Once the owners hand in the bar's keys to officials of the Fairbanks Development Authority, they'll receive a check for $980,000.

The FDA had been trying for the past three years to buy the small bar, seen as a nest of drunks to some and a popular hangout to others, so it could build a parking garage on the land.

The negotiations took more than three years. At times the bar's owners, Ken Lavigne and Vern Foster, said they wanted $1.5 million for the bar. The FDA was ready to offer no more than $500,000.

Finally, both parties agreed to go through a binding appraisal process, which took four months.

To come up with most of the money, the FDA had to bond one of its properties, the Chena Building, and borrow $850,000 from Key Bank of Alaska.

FDA officials are currently trying to come up with the money to demolish the bar. They do not know when construction of the parking garage will begin.

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The second location is now a parking garage.