

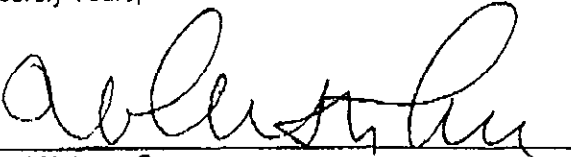
FROM THE DESK OF
ROBERT N. LEE

September 24, 2008

To the Mayor and honorable council members of the city of Austin :

It our intention to convert the Dorothy Nichols Duplex into a single family unit. We are committed to the preservation of the main house, and will seek Historic Landmark Commission review for any changes to the exterior or the site of the property
We thank you for your attention and support in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



Robert N. Lee - Owner

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 2724
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September 18, 2008

RE: Case No. C14H-07-0017
1206 Lorrain Street, Austin, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

In July, 2007, the current owners of the above referenced property applied for a demolition permit. Because this structure is listed as a contributing 1940 domestic Art Moderne in the West Line National Register of Historic Designation, both the OWANA Zoning and Land Use Committee and nearby neighbors felt that it was extremely important to work towards the preservation of this duplex.

The Historic Landmark Commission heard the case in November, 2007, and voted 6-0 for historic designation. The Planning Commission hearing was in January, 2008, and they, too, voted for historic designation.

Through this process we have met with the owner's agent, Dennis Ku, on several occasions to discuss the preservation of the home and potential projects for this site should the historic landmark designation be denied. At our last meeting, Mr. Ku presented plans indicating that the historic structure will not be demolished and will be converted from a duplex to a single-family residence. Needless to say, we are very pleased with this decision.

However, the owners would like to demolish the existing garage (due to its deteriorated condition) and remove the wooden rear addition to the duplex. It is our understanding that the demolition of the garage and the add-on will not affect the historic value of the structure. Therefore, the OWANA Zoning and Land Use Committee is not opposed to the limited demolition request.

Please contact Jean Stevens (OWANA Zoning Committee member) at 236-1626 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Laura Porcaro
OWANA Zoning and Land Use Committee Chairperson