

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2012
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1994-0021
Brewer House
1108 Chicon Street

PROPOSAL

Demolition of the remains of the house and salvage of materials as artifacts for a future commemoration at a city facility, such as the African-American Cultural Center.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The property owner has been working with Council staff to devise an appropriate plan for the commemoration of Dr. Mason Brewer and the Brewer family contributions to the history of Austin and Texas, as the house has deteriorated to the point that it cannot be salvaged and rebuilt with historic fabric.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The proposal is for the demolition of a designated landmark, but for the salvage of materials for re-use in a commemoration of Dr. Brewer's significance as the premier African-American Texas folkloricist.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff must recommend approval of this application; any proposal to maintain a house as commemoration of Dr. Brewer's life, legacy, and family would be a reconstruction rather than a restoration; alternative means for preserving this heritage are now appropriate.

