## Historic Landmark Commission

JULY 30, 2012
National Register Historic District
NRD-2012-0074
Old West Austin
3102 Oakmont Boulevard

## PROPOSAL

Relocate existing 960 sq. ft. house and construct a new $2,787 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. house.

## PRoJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The existing c. 1947 house is an approximately 960 sq. ft., one-story, Minimal Traditional style house with a hip roof. The original portion of the house is built on a low concrete, stem wall foundation and has a painted brick exterior. There are two large multi-paned, steel casement windows and a door with $3: 3$ glazing on the front façade. There is a rear addition, built in 1991, sided with board and batten.

The applicant proposes to relocate the house to 1400 Morgan Lane, which is not located in a Local or National Register Historic District. The 1400 Morgan Lane lot has an existing house, which will remain as a guest house.

The applicant further proposes to construct a new $2,787 \mathrm{sq}$. ft., two-story house. The house will be a contemporary design with some traditional architectural features such as faux brackets under the eaves and a front porch roof supported by round columns set on squared piers. The siding and trim will be horizontal Hardi-plan, and the roof will be composition shingles with multiple hip and gable forms. There will be multiple windows of various sizes, configurations, and muntin patterns on each elevation. There will be a front-facing single car garage.

## STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The existing property is listed as non-contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no specific design guidelines for new construction. Applicable general design review guidelines state:

- Contemporary designs for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and are compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would not be impaired.

The existing house does not have sufficient architectural significance to be eligible for Historic zoning and its relocation to a vacant lot that is not located in a National Register or Local Historic District has minimal impact on the existing National Register Historic District. However, the design for the new home is not compatible with the architectural character of other properties on the block, which are generally one-story, Minimal Traditional style homes.

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## Staff RECOMMENDATION

Release the relocation and building permit with the recommendation that the applicant consider revisions to the design to be more compatible with the character of the District.


Front elevation


Side elevation


Rear elevation


Rear elevation

Examples of other houses on block:



LOT 36
LOT 37

OAKMONT BOULEVARD ( 50 , R.O.W.)



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