

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2015
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-2015-0002
Pine Street Station
414 Waller Street

PROPOSAL

Relocate the original oil depot to a new location along the railroad tracks in the area of US 183 and Springdale Road in East Austin, and remove historic zoning from the existing site.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to move the original part of the building to a new location along the railroad tracks near US 183 and Springdale Road, in an area where the owner of that land has some other railroad-related buildings, including the old downtown train depot, which was moved several years ago by the Austin Steam Train Association. The proposed owner intends to re-purpose the structure for use as part of the special event facility.

The new owner has agreed to sign a maintenance agreement with Capital Metro and the City of Austin to ensure the continued upkeep of the building on its new site.

The historic zoning is on the building only, not the land, so removal of historic zoning once the building is moved and the maintenance agreement executed is appropriate.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee had looked favorably upon this application for relocation, as the building will be kept in a railroad-related setting along existing tracks, and will be re-purposed as part of a special events center. The committee recommended expanding the presentation to the full Commission to better show on maps the proposed location and the relation of the building to the railroad tracks and other buildings on the site. Staff and the Committee further recommended that the applicant and new owner work together to erect a plaque or other interpretive display that details the history of the building on its original site.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the application for relocation and for the removal of historic zoning with the further recommendations of the Committee.