HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS OCTOBER 26, 2015 NRD-2015-0114

Congress Street Avenue National Register District 111 Congress Avenue, Building 2

PROPOSAL

Construct a new one story building towards the corner of Congress and 2nd Street.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Construct a new one story building. The building will have a shed roof and the wall will be primarily glass with steel framing. The shape of the building is irregular with a central portion of the building enclosed and each end a covered patio area. The exterior support columns are steel with wood.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

This property is within the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. The Secretary of the Interiors Guidelines does not have specific guidelines for new construction. General design guidelines in historic district stress the importance of maintaining a regular street pattern and to design additions and infill construction with a size, scale, and materials compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood and the other contributing houses within the district.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the application as submitted. While the proposed building is with a National Register Historic District, the surround buildings and context for the size are contemporary buildings. The architecture for this new building is contemporary but locating the building at the corner returns the block to a pedestrian oriented design as the building is designed with a thought toward the pedestrian experience while providing a building at the corner where historically a building was located.

