

From:
To: [Sadowsky, Steve](#); [Contreras, Kalan](#)
Subject: 1603 Willow St - ECC objection to demolition
Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 8:47:31 AM

Steve,

I have just heard about a request to demolish 1603 Willow St.

This is one of the finest intact example of vernacular/ Texana Victorian cottage that we have in ECC. The siding and weighted windows are intact and the footprint and floor plan unaltered. As you know, these features are rare in our neighborhood.

Destruction of this house would constitute wanton destruction of an architectural gem. I am curious as to Preservation Office's position and whether you've had any contact with the owner's. Neighbors will be at tonight's meeting.

Thank you, Amy

THE PAGANOS
11119 ALTERRA PKWY #2171
AUSTIN, TX 78758

Historic Landmark Commission

City of Austin

Re: 1507 East 14th, Austin, TX 78702

Honorable Commissioners:

We are under contract to purchase this property from the family that owns it. We have also contracted a local architecture firm and local builder to design and build our personal residence on this site. Please allow the demolition permit to be issued so we can proceed.

We understand the current owners are heirs of Rev. S.L. Davis. We also know that previous attempts by the family to sell this lot have been thwarted because the demo permit might not be granted. We consider this a blessing for our family and have worked closely with the family, our design-build team, and many members of the community to get to this point. With all due respect to Rev. Davis and his legacy, his family has made it clear they do not want this site to be zoned historic—they want to sell it to a young couple like us so we can start our family here!

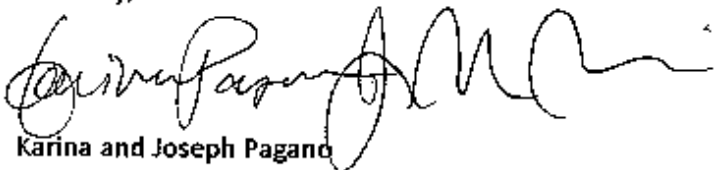
We love Swede Hill and want to be a part of this community. We have a quiet lifestyle, a single car, and little need/interest in a splashy "look at us" home. Such a home would make no sense for us given our reasons for choosing this neighborhood in the first place—its quiet character, its established/lived-in feel, its mix of Austin past/present/future. With our plans to start a family here, this lot works very well for us!

Additionally, Karina's parents are both retired and living in Wisconsin—a cold and difficult place to live even for young people. When we realized the size of this lot, we realized it is perfect for us because we need to build a small home for the grandparents. This lot's size and the neighborhood plan not only allow for this set up, they even encourage it. This is the exact kind of development Austin needs: sustainable infill for extended families, and that is what we will do here!

The proximity to downtown, public transportation, and Austin's medical center make this ideal for our family. And the idea of us starting our family here with the grandparents living next to us and their grandkids is just what we have dreamed of!

Our whole family is excited about this—please release the demo permit so we can get the family selling this property the money they need, remove this eyesore/hazard from Swede Hill, support local family businesses like the architect and builder we have selected, and turn 1507 East 14th into the Pagano Family home, a proud part of the Swede Hill community and City of Austin! Thanks for helping us make this happen!

Sincerely,



Karina and Joseph Pagano

October 24, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice*); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and:

- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 14 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.austintexas.gov/planning.

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, and the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

Case Number(s): **HDP-2015-1008 PR-2015-126299**

Contact: Steve Sadowsky, 512-974-6454

Public Hearing: November 16, 2015 Historic Landmark Commission

Sara Zamarripa
Your Name (please print)

1105 W, 110th St

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

Your address(es) affected by this application

Sara Zamarripa
Signature

Date

Comments: The back apartment should

be torn down, but it would be
very sad to have a "modern" house
on Willow when most are the
original structures.

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin

Planning and Zoning Department

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