

**From:** [Sadowsky, Steve](#)  
**To:** [Contreras, Kalan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 611 West Lynn  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2016 10:55:18 AM

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**From:** monica wu |  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2016 7:00 PM  
**To:** Sadowsky, Steve  
**Subject:** 611 West Lynn

Dear Steve,

I am very concerned for 611 West Lynn. It is a special house full of history and extremely important to the neighborhood. Therefore, I want the Historic Landmark Commission to say no to a demo and yes to historic zoning for 611 West Lynn.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Monica Wu  
*The Gregory Group  
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**From:** [Sadowsky, Steve](#)  
**To:** [Contreras, Kalan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage NA requests postponement for 3108 Grandview (HDP-2015-1037)  
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**From:** John Boardman  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 1:56 PM  
**To:** Sadowsky, Steve  
**Subject:** Fwd: Heritage NA requests postponement for 3108 Grandview (HDP-2015-1037)

Hi Steve, I forgot to include you on this email and wanted to make you aware of it.

Thanks,  
John Boardman  
Heritage NA, president

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **John Boardman**  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 25, 2016 at 1:35 PM  
**Subject:** Heritage NA requests postponement for 3108 Grandview (HDP-2015-1037)  
**To:** [bc-Mary.Galindo@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Mary.Galindo@austintexas.gov), [bc-David.Whitworth@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-David.Whitworth@austintexas.gov), [bc-Madeline.Clites@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Madeline.Clites@austintexas.gov), [bc-Terri.Myers@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Terri.Myers@austintexas.gov), [bc-Tiffany.Osburn@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Tiffany.Osburn@austintexas.gov), [bc-Arif.Panju@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Arif.Panju@austintexas.gov), [bc-Alexander.Papavasiliou@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Alexander.Papavasiliou@austintexas.gov), [bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov), [bc-Blake.Tollett@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Blake.Tollett@austintexas.gov), [bc-Michelle.Trevino@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Michelle.Trevino@austintexas.gov)  
**Cc:** Heritage NA steering Committee

Commissioners,

The Steering Committee of the Heritage Neighborhood Association request that you postpone consideration of demolition permit HDP-2015-1037 for 3108 Grandview to allow the applicant to consider alternatives to a full demolition of the property. Staff clearly says that "this house qualifies as a historic landmark for its architecture and its historical associations." In addition, we feel that the property has a unique location that contributes to the character of the neighborhood.

The staff report also says that "due to the structural condition of the house, based upon the applicants' attached reports, staff must acknowledge that it is neither feasible nor prudent to preserve or restore the house." We have seen similar documentation presented to this commission only to see the house sold and rehabilitated when the owner's plans changed. In addition, structural condition is not a criteria listed for reviewing a potential landmark.

Members of the steering committee and near neighbors of the property met with the applicant on Friday, January

22, 2016 to discuss alternatives to a full demolition. The defects identified by the consulting engineer relate mainly to the main, rear portion of the house, so perhaps the porch and front wall can be preserved and highlighted as part of new construction. The applicant has agreed to discuss this possibility with an architect who deals with remodels and additions of historic properties. As we only met on Friday, we presume that he has not had adequate time to do this.

Please postpone consideration of the demolition permit and a decision on historic zoning so that the applicant will have time to study alternatives to a full demolition. The house is probably the only one in the City with palm plaster exterior walls and one of very few true brick houses. It makes sense to make sure that all possible alternatives are considered before allowing this house to be completely torn down.

Thank you for considering this and your service to the City.

Sincerely,

John Boardman  
President, Heritage NA

**From:** [Sadowsky, Steve](#)  
**To:** [Contreras, Kalan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NRD-2015-0112 611 West Lynn Street - please prevent this historic landmark from being demolished  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2016 10:55:27 AM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Jane Baxter Lynn |  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2016 3:05 PM  
**To:** Galindo, Mary - BC; Whitworth, David - BC; Clites, Madeline - BC; Myers, Terri - BC; Osburn, Tiffany - BC; Panju, Arif - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Trevino, Michelle - BC  
**Cc:** Sadowsky, Steve  
**Subject:** NRD-2015-0112 611 West Lynn Street - please prevent this historic landmark from being demolished  
**Importance:** High

Dear Chairwoman Galindo and Commissioners:

I am a longtime resident of Old West Austin, which is in the Historic West Line National Register District. Before it is too late and the building is demolished, I urge you to support the recommendation of the City's Preservation Office staff to zone 611 West Lynn Street, 78703, as an historic landmark.

This property is extremely important as it is not only one of the few remaining Victorian structures on West Lynn Street, it is also the defining boundary between what is even encroaching commercial development into the residential core of our neighborhood.

This property retains a large majority of its original historic features, including interior woodwork, brickwork, exterior roofline, siding, windows and chimneys. Any non-historic alterations made to this property over the years can easily be reversed, but only if this house can remain standing.

Development pressures on the city are high and with that, a massive number of properties are being lost. Austin is losing its sense of place one building at a time. This house is worthy of being protected. Please support your City staff's recommendation.

Thank you.

Sincerely  
Jane Baxter Lynn

Pressler Street  
OWANA Zoning Committee

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**From:** [Sadowsky, Steve](#)  
**To:** [Contreras, Kalan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NRD-2015-0112 611 West Lynn Street support for Historic Landmark status  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 8:06 AM  
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**Cc:** Sadowsky, Steve  
**Subject:** NRD-2015-0112 611 West Lynn Street support for Historic Landmark status

Dear Chairwoman Galindo and Commissioners:

I am a longtime resident of Old West Austin, which is in the Historic West Line National Register District. I urge you to support the recommendation of the Preservation Office staff to zone 611 West Lynn Street as an historic landmark.

This property is extremely important as it not only is one of the remaining Victorian structures on West Lynn Street, but it is the defining boundary between what is ever encroaching commercial development into the residential core of our neighborhood.

I understand that this property retains a large majority of its original historic features, including interior woodwork, brickwork, exterior roofline, siding, windows and chimneys. Any non-historic alterations made to this property over the years can easily be reversed, but only if this house can remain standing.

Development pressures on the city are high and with that, a massive number of properties are being lost. Austin is losing its sense of place one building at a time. This neighboring home is worthy of being protected.

Please support the staff recommendation.

Thank you,

Kathleen Deaver

606 Highland Ave

**From:** [Sadowsky, Steve](#)  
**To:** [Contreras, Kalan](#)  
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**From:** Rosemary Merriam  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2016 7:53 PM  
**To:** Galindo, Mary - BC; Whitworth, David - BC; Clites, Madeline - BC; Myers, Terri - BC; Osburn, Tiffany - BC; Panju, Arif - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Trevino, Michelle - BC; Sadowsky, Steve  
**Subject:** NRD-2015-0112 611 West Lynn Street

To: Chairwoman Mary Galindo and Commissioners:

My husband and I have lived at 800 West Lynn Street for 30 years. During that time, I have watched as the owners of 611 West Lynn Street have allowed this historic and once beautiful house to disintegrate by conscious neglect. The house was built in the late 19th century and has been inhabited by only two families. I will share with you a copy of a partial history that was done in 2003 on Monday night.

Since this fall, when the house was put up for sale, several interested people have been inside. Among those was the City of Austin's preservation officer Beth Johnson, and a code enforcement person, and they determined that this is a solid and well built house which would only require cosmetic improvements except for the south facing side porch which is in bad shape.

Please support the recommendation of the Preservation Office staff and zone the property as an historic landmark. The property is very important as it is one of the remaining Victorian structures on West Lynn. The house retains most of its historic features, including interior woodwork, brickwork, siding, windows and chimneys. Any changes that were made to the house can be easily reversed. It would not take vast sums of money to make whole again.

I am very aware of the development pressures on our city and especially in our neighborhood. I have been dealing with such pressures since I moved here in 1986. Maybe because I grew up in an historical neighborhood- Georgetown (Washington, DC) and in Rome, Italy, I am somewhat shocked at how easily we acquiesce to destroying Austin's historical structures. This house is worthy of being protected and saved for future generations of Austinites.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Merriam & George Warmingham  
800 West Lynn Street  
Austin, TX 78703



