

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 22, 2016
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1990-0014
Eliza Springs at Barton Springs
Zilker Park

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to remove the limestone blocking the original ca. 1903 keyhole to allow streamwaters to flow through the amphitheater; install a headwall gate to control stream flow, construct a new channel for the spring; construct a new support wall behind the amphitheater to protect the structure, a new concrete junction box, and fencing to limit access to the channel.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed channel will consist of limestone blocks and boulders with stream bottom substrate.

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.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.
- Repair, rather than replace deteriorated architectural features wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Base the repair or replacement of missing architectural features on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends approval as proposed, but requested that the structural wall be made as inconspicuous as possible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed with the Committee's further recommendation regarding the visual presence of the structural wall..