HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS MARCH 28, 2016 NRD-2016-0018 1707 Wethersfield Road Old West Austin

PROPOSAL

Construct a 2-story addition to the rear of a one-and-a-half story house and a stucco and metal cupola on top of the back section of the existing roof.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the construction of a two-story addition to the rear of a one-and-ahalf story house. The proposed addition will be the width of the existing house and will have a two-story section containing a screened porch on the ground floor and a bedroom above that extends beyond the width of the existing house. The proposed addition will have a flat roof and stucco siding with a variety of roofing materials, including a membrane roof, asphalt shingles to match what is on the existing house, and metal. The proposed addition will also have a brick exterior chimney and a metal-roofed carport.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

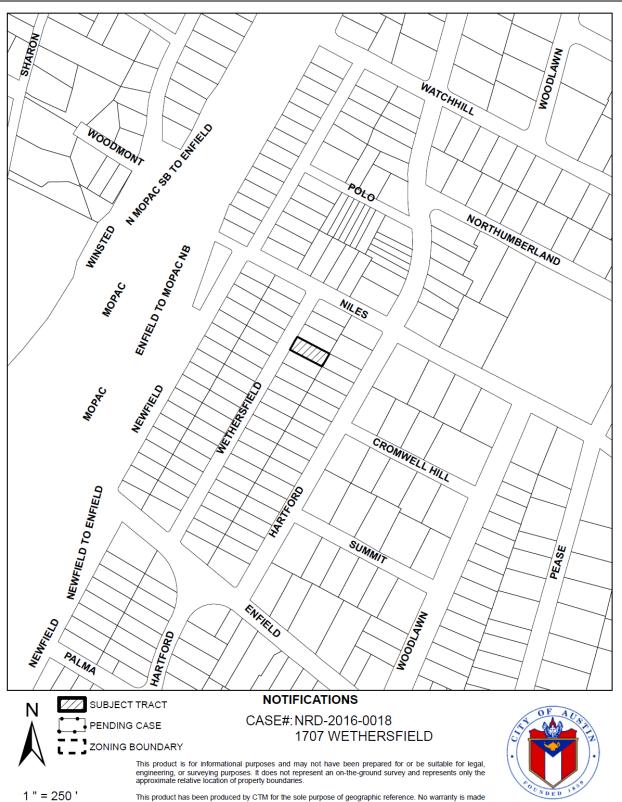
The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions to contributing houses. General design principles encourage compatibility between the addition and the existing house in terms of size, scale, materials, fenestration patterns, and roof forms.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the addition as proposed. While the addition has a completely different form and materials from the existing house, which is wood, it is set behind the existing house and will have little effect on the appearance of the house from the street. The design of the addition is very contemporary, in comparison to the very traditional design of the existing house, and a closer compatibility in materials and design might have worked better for integrating the addition with the existing house more organically.







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