HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS AUGUST 22, 2016 NRD-2016-0060 2301 Woodlawn Boulevard Old West Austin

PROPOSAL

Construction of an attached 3-car garage with a guest house above.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the construction of an attached 3-car garage with a guest house above the garage and a new foyer and stairwell for access to the garage/guest house. The proposed additions will have a footprint of 1,130 square feet; the second floor will have 1,092 square feet. New covered parking will have 988 square feet. The proposed garage will be to the north of the existing 2-story house and will come forward of the existing front façade and courtyard. The proposed garage will have a shallow gabled roof matching the pitch of the gabled roof on the house; the siding will be a limestone brick veneer matching that on the house.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The ca. 1951 house is contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. The district has no design guidelines for additions to contributing houses. General design principles in historic districts address size, scale, massing, materials, and fenestration patterns. Here, the applicant is choosing a roof pitch and materials that match the existing house; the two-story addition will match the height of the two-story house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed. The addition, while large, is compatible with the size, scale, and materials of the existing house.

