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Mr. Steve Sadowsky

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NOTICE OF APPEAL
1207 & 1029 WEST 22 ½ STREET, AUSTIN, TX 78705
“ACTION ON A CERTIFICATION OF DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL”
JULY 25, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NO. D.18-1
HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Sadowsky:

Thank you for returning my call on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. I reviewed the City of Austin Ordinance regarding Appeals of a commission's action and realized that the appeal time was 14 days and not 60 days. Therefore, I ask that you consider this letter, along with my telephone conversation with you, as my notice to appeal the Historical Commission's July 25, 2016 decision regarding the above-mentioned properties. I am an interested person as defined by the Land Development Code because I live and own a home within 500 feet of the subject property

My neighborhood association, West University Neighborhood Association, will meet on September 7, 2016 to discuss this matter. For now, please consider this also an appeal by the West University Neighborhood Association. The West University Neighborhood Association (WANA) is a registered neighborhood organization as defined by the Land Development Code and has its boundaries within 500 feet of the proposed development.

Under Article 7 of the Land Development Code, § 25-1-133, the following information is required:

1. I am the appellant and my name and number are listed above. The WANA connection is currently me. If necessary, I will update this information after our September 7, 2016, meeting.
2. The name of the applicant is Bennett Consulting.

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3. The decision being appealed is the COA's staff recommendation to allow the demolition of twin ca. 1929-1930 houses now used as four-plexes, and to encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

4. The date the Commission approved the staff recommendation on the Consensus Agenda was July 25, 2016.

5. My status as an interested party is that I own a home within 500 feet of the development. WUNA's is an interested party because their boundary is within 500 feet of the development.

6. The following are the reasons why we do not believe the decision complies with the requirements of the Land Development Title:

- A. The complete block of 1200 West 22 ½ has historical significance since all the houses on that block are close to 100 years old or older.
- B. The COA's staff research failed to disclose many important people who lived in the two above-mentioned structures. Additional research is need to establish that people other than students, clerks in various state departments, office workers, and junior professor lived in these structures.
- C. Since the houses are listed in the 1984 Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey, more comprehensive studies of the buildings and its occupants are needed to confirm that the structures and/or its occupants may comply with historical preservation guidelines.

I request that this appeal be filed today, August 5, 2016, in order to comply with the 14-day requirement to file an appeal. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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WANA Group List