

Stanley House at 1809 Newton

From e-mail dated 1-28-17

Good morning,

For those of you who don't know me, I work with architectural reviews in Travis County, including review of proposed work to Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks. Brad Jones shared your email with me so that I could address the Texas Historical Commission's role in review of RTHLs. I greatly appreciate your concern regarding the state designation and am happy to confer at any time on projects where we have overlapping oversight.

Generally speaking, most RTHL designations cover a single building rather than a complex of buildings, and our review is of the exterior of that building only, not the interior, grounds, or associated archeology. In the case of the Stanley House, the application materials do not mention the stone shed, and while there is a photo of it included in the file, that is not enough for us to infer that we have jurisdiction over the shed. Subdivision and rezoning of the property and relocation of the shed does not require THC review. I would be happy to convey this directly to the property owner if you can share his or her contact information, or you are welcome to forward this message.

If you would like to read more about RTHL review, there is an [overview on our website](#), and the rules for this program are at [Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Chapter 21, Rule 21.11](#). The file for the Stanley House is scanned on the [Portal to Texas History](#).

Please let me or Brad know if you have any questions or want informal advice on the relocation methods or archeological investigations.

Thank you,

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From: Brad Jones
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Subject: FW: Stanley House - move the shed

Here you go.

From: Reed, Emily - BC [<mailto:bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov>]
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Subject: Re: Stanley House - move the shed

Thanks, Bob. My concern was indeed about the RTHL status of the house and ensuring that the THC had an opportunity to weigh in on the proposed move and rezoning, if appropriate. The applicant's agent seems to assume monitoring as the path forward, but I did not intend to provide that specificity of direction myself as I am not an archeologist.

Brad, can you let us know how the THC would like to proceed? Should we direct the applicant to coordinate with the THC? Would this be via letter? Tiffany did recuse from this case, but I don't know if that would change what she would feel comfortable doing in her role at the THC.

Thank you for your guidance!
Emily