HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS NOVEMBER 27, 2017 NRD-2018-0002 1012 Baylor Street Old West Austin Historic District

PROPOSAL

Demolish concrete walls and slabs at what is known as the "Graffiti Park."

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

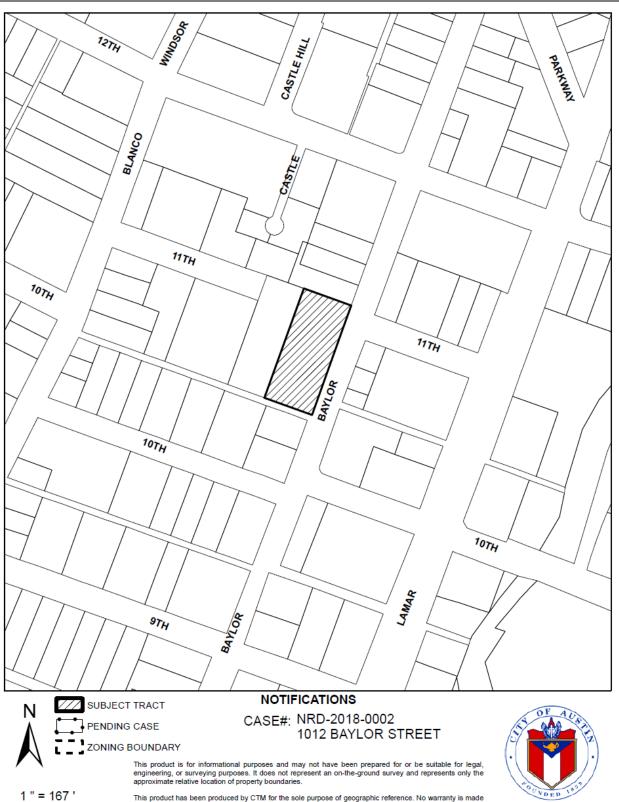
The applicant proposes the demolition of all concrete walls and slabs on the lot. All of the elements proposed for demolition are covered with graffiti, some of it very artistic, and have become a tourist attraction in Austin.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The walls and slabs in Graffiti Park are non-contributing to the historic district because of their age. They have no architectural, historical, or known archeological significance, but possibly have significance as a landscape feature and under the criterion for community value.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends release of the permit for demolition, but only after completion of a documentation package that includes comprehensive photo-documentation of the existing conditions. While this site is not historic, it is a site of value to the community and to visitors, and if it is going to be demolished, then a full record of it should be preserved and archived at the Austin History Center.



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