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Ms. Mary Jo Galindo and Historic Landmark Commissioners
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RE: Red-Purcell House, 210 Academy

Dear Chair Galindo and Commissioners:

Members of the Historic Preservation Committee of the South River City Citizens (SRCC) Neighborhood Association met with owner Colin Corgan, and architect Ken Johnson, on December 21st to review their plans for the historic landmark Red-Purcell House at 210 Academy. Given that the plans do not require a variance, zoning change or demolition, this issue does not require a full vote by the SRCC Executive Committee or general membership. Our committee has, however, informed the Executive Committee that **we have reviewed and discussed the plans, and that we as a committee are not in opposition.**

We are pleased that after standing empty for several years, this house has been sold to an owner who is not only willing to undertake the hard work of restoring and renovating the property, but who also intends to make it his personal home. While the home's addition will be starkly modern, we appreciate the following elements of the plans:

- The home's façade as viewed from the street is preserved.
- The addition allows for preservation of the original house in its entirety, no significant portion is removed or altered.
- The design maintains the existing streetscape and the property's native landscape, preserving the look and feel of Travis Heights' historic garden suburb design.
- The proposed addition complies with the Secretary of Interior Standards for treatment of historic properties.

We are grateful that the owner and architect have shared with us their plans for the Red-Purcell House, and we wish them the best of luck in restoring it as a beloved home for future families.

Sincerely,

SRCC Historic Preservation Committee

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