

LHD-2018-0005 PR-2018-074768 4008 Avenue C

I have multiple concerns regarding the way cases such as this one are currently being handled. It appears that the board members are assuming that the applicants have a similar level of knowledge regarding renovation, additions to, and historic fabric of the building coming before them.

It is being repeatedly proven that this is not the case. The board has been unwilling or unable to specifically spell out what can and cannot be done to these buildings and because conversations and requirements made by the board are vague and undocumented we are losing much of the historic fabric of Austin and Hyde Park in general.

I am requesting that you state specifically what you require be done to preserve these structures as they come before you and to make sure it shows up in writing on the plans when they are reviewed and before they are approved.

Cases in point:

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**4207** - **request additions to the rear** - currently reduced to studs

Before



After



**4012 Avenue G – request addition to the rear** – the entire house except for the front porch roof has been rebuilt new with some of the old siding being reinstalled over the new greenboard just below where the men are standing. It is a new house now; not a restoration.



**4008 Avenue C – request addition to the rear** – HLC subcommittee suggested use different siding and color on back portion. There is absolutely no need to do so to differentiate the proposed new addition which is not in keeping in either style or form with the original. They will always be able to be identified as 2 separate structures even though they are technically tied together.

The plans I have seen show pictures with a different door; windows shown that are to be moved per agreement with HLC in incorrect locations, no screens on windows. The plan notes do not indicate siding to be used but do allude to replacing what is there which is cheap paneling. Plans say 'paint white' and also 'architect to decide color', etc.

**It is my request that you actually state what you mean to allow for this building and that you require that the plans reflect this. As for only worrying about the front of the structure I would remind you that it is on an alley which also has a house facing the numbered street and whose**

**yard directly faces the rear of this structure. I would also like to be able to see a historically correct structure from my vantage point.**

