HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

JULY 23, 2018

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

C14H-1994-0018

David C. Parker Property 2404 Rio Grande Street

PROPOSAL

Move the house approximately 40 feet closer to the street to accommodate the construction of a new building at the back of the lot.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to move the house 40 feet closer to the street to accommodate the construction of a new, 90-foot tall building at the rear of the lot. The front yard of the house currently has grass and a sidewalk. The proposed location of the house would be adjacent to the existing sidewalk. The applicant further proposes the construction of a two-way driveway to the north of the historic building for access to the proposed multi-story building to the rear.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

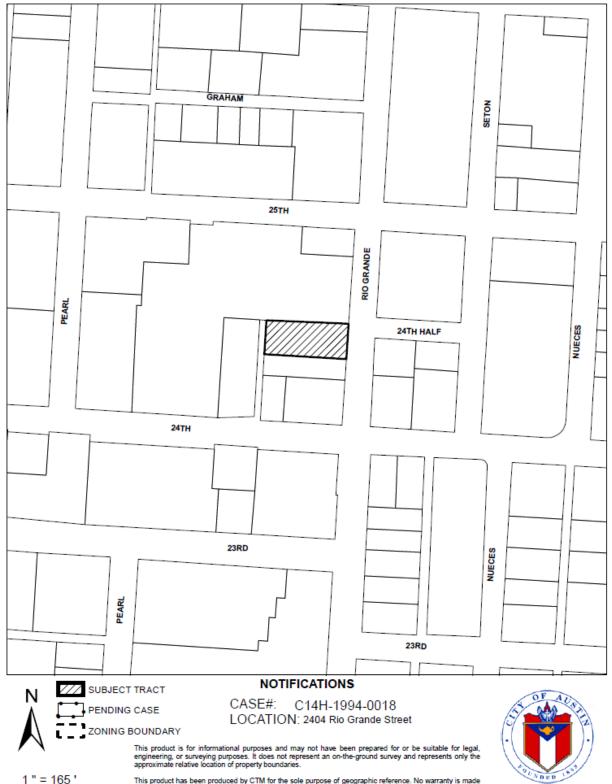
• Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommended denial of the application, as the proposed move would change the relationship of the house to the street and compromise the historic context of the house in violation of the Commission's Standards for Review.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff cannot support this proposal for the same reasons as the Committee recommended denial of the application, and recommends that the applicant consider alternatives to developing the site.



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