

## Rice, Andrew

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**From:** Contreras, Kalan  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:23 AM  
**To:** Rice, Andrew  
**Subject:** FW: 2110 Travis Heights Blvd., HDP-2019-0380

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From: Michele Webre [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2019 5:11 PM  
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: 2110 Travis Heights Blvd., HDP-2019-0380

Dear Chair Reed and Commissioners,

I am writing regarding 2110 Travis Heights Blvd., a 1938 brick Tudor Revival in Travis Heights. This house is in original condition and on a prominent location, a corner lot from E. Live Oak entering the neighborhood. I'm a long-time resident of Travis Heights and serve on the neighborhood association (SRCC) historic preservation committee but I'm writing on my own behalf.

I visited the house years ago after Mrs. Spillman passed away. There was a photo album of the house being built in the 1930's by a newly married Mr. and Mrs. Spillman. We were told the album would stay with the house so I hope the owners still have it and would consider either giving it to the Austin History Center or sharing a copy of the photos with AHC and the HLC. You could see cow pastures in the background where the apartments on E. Live Oak are now. The garage apartment was filled with carefully curated and displayed gems and other stones.

After reading about the Spillmans in the backup to this case and finding out about their connections to the City of Austin (Mr. Spillman was on the Planning Commission) and their involvement in various civic organizations, it appears there's a good argument to be made that the main house qualifies as a City of Austin Landmark. Even if the Historic Landmark Commission decides not to designate it as such, I hope it will encourage the owners to make the new addition more complimentary to the original house. Some issues could be fixed like more of a setback, making the lower windows in what will be the new garage align with the existing windows and for the new rooflines to blend in better with the style of the original Tudor Rival ones.

We are in the process of submitting a nomination for a National Register Historic District for Travis Heights-Fairview Park and this house and the garage apartment are contributing structures. I hope you will give this property the consideration it deserves. Thank you for time and attention to this matter.

Michele Webre