

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

Monday, January 27, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, Austin City Hall
301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas

COMMISSION MEMBERS:	
Emily Reed, Chair	Kevin Koch
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NOTES ON HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETINGS

- a) The first speaker signed up for each side of a contested public hearing will be allowed up to 5 minutes to speak. Any further speakers will be allowed up to 3 minutes. The Commission does not allow for the donation of time. The applicant or their agent may have a rebuttal after the conclusion of testimony of up to 3 minutes. Speakers should not repeat the testimony previously given on any case.
- b) Cases passed by the Commission on the consent agenda will not have a formal public hearing. If a citizen would like to speak on a case proposed for passage on the consent agenda, that person should make it known to the Chair of the Commission at the time of the reading of the consent agenda. Otherwise, the case will pass on consent, and there is no later recourse.
- c) In cases involving the review of demolition or relocation permit applications, the Commission may initiate a historic zoning case to further study the evidence regarding the potential of the subject property for landmark designation. If the Commission initiates a historic zoning case, the Commission will review the case again at its next regularly scheduled meeting for a recommendation regarding historic zoning. There will be no new notification sent out by the City stating the next hearing date.
- d) All public comments must be received by staff by 1 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Staff cannot forward public comments to commissioners after this time.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers may address the Commission on items not posted on the agenda. Each speaker will have up to three minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 16, 2019

2. BRIEFINGS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC ZONING, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONING, AND REQUESTS TO CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF A HISTORIC ZONING CASE

1. HDP-2018-0646 – Lavada Durst House – Postponement request by Staff 1906 E. 21st Street

Council District 1

Proposal: Recommend historic zoning for the Lavada Durst (Dr. Hepcat) House at its new location.

Applicant: Historic Landmark Commission

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Grant the postponement request; notice of the public hearing did not go out.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. C14H-1990-0011 – Republic Square – Discussion

422 Guadalupe Street

Council District 9

Proposal: Install two flush-mounted signs.

Applicant: Trevor Ingram

City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446

Committee Recommendation: Not reviewed.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the proposed sign design and dimensions, and consider the exposed neon ampersands.

2. C14H-1986-0039 – Reuter House – Offered for Consent Approval 806 Rosedale Terrace

Council District 9

Proposal: Construct three new houses and two new ADU's with addresses on Mariposa Drive (807, 809, 811), on the historically-zoned tract but now under separate ownership and downhill from the historic house.

Applicant: Davey McEathron, architect

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Ensure that the proposed new houses do not compromise the context and environment of, and view from the Reuter House. Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

3. C14H-1986-0043 – Wedig-Hardeman House – Discussion

1111 Red River Street

Council District: 1

Proposal: Heritage Grant to re-roof the building and replace plexiglass window inserts with tempered glass.

Applicant: Waterloo Greenway Conservancy

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Not reviewed. Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

4. C14H-1989-0020 and -0021 – Platt and Dittlinger Buildings – Discussion 302-04 E. 6th Street

Council District: 9

Proposal: Construct a wood balcony across the front of the buildings; convert two second-story windows to doors.

Applicant: Saveaou Nasreddine

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Ensure that the balcony comports with historic photographs and dimensions, and provide better information to ensure that the proposed conversion of the windows to doors will not damage historic fabric. Staff Recommendation: If the Commission is satisfied with the materials and justification provided by the applicant, then staff recommends approval of the proposal.

C14H-1974-0023 – French Legation – Offered for Consent Approval 801 Embassy Drive/802 San Marcos Street

Council District 1

Proposal: Heritage Grant to construct an addition to the non-historic carriage house, rehabilitate the carriage house as a visitor's center, re-roof the carriage house, install new signage, and construct a stone retaining wall.

Applicant: Friends of the Texas Historical Commission

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Not reviewed. Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

6. C14H-1996-0002 – Rocky Cliff House – Offered for Consent Approval 802 Barton Boulevard

Council District 5

Proposal: Construct a new back-yard pool pavilion

Applicant: Beau Frail, architect

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Not reviewed.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

7. C14H-2006-0029 – Pope House – Offered for Consent Approval

1612 Gaston Avenue

Council District 9

Proposal: Construct a rear addition, replace front door.

Applicant: Lindsay Hunter, architect

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

8. LHD-2019-0031 – Discussion

607 Oakland Avenue (Smoot-Terrace Park Historic District)

Council District 9

Proposal: Remove brick cladding, restore and repair original wood cladding, add a window opening on the front wall, raise the house 2 feet, extend an uncovered patio across the right side of the building, shift a window opening forward on the south (secondary) wall, and construct an attached carport.

Applicant: Kefetew S. Selassie

City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446

Committee Recommendation: In July 2019, the committee supported extending the patio wall and strongly advised against adding a new front window opening. Staff Recommendation: 1) Approve the plans, with the exception of the front porch extension and the new window opening on the front wall. 2) Consider the proposed raising of the house by 2'. 3) Allow staff to administratively approve the previously proposed construction of an uncovered patio with low brick walls if the applicant revises the currently proposed plans.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERMIT WITHIN A NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

1. NRD-2019-0048 – Offered for consent approval

1104 Maufrais Street (West Line Historic District)

Council District 9

Proposal: Construct a new house on a vacant lot.

Applicant: Steven Radke

City Staff: Kalan Contreras, Historic Preservation Office, 974-2727

Staff Recommendation: Comment on and release the permit, as the applicant has implemented most Committee recommendations.

2. NRD-2019-0073 – Offered for consent approval

1215 W. 9th Street (West Line Historic District)

Council District 9

Proposal: Rehabilitate a ca. 1910 house, remove an altered porte-cochere and one-story rear addition, and construct a one-story rear addition with a roof deck.

Applicant: Kevin Sims

City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446

Staff Recommendation: Comment on and release the plans, authorizing staff to administratively approve the cladding and window material and fenestration patterns of the rear addition.

3. NRD-2019-0075 - Discussion

311 E. 6th Street (Sixth Street Historic District)

Council District 9

Proposal: Construct a covered rooftop deck.

Applicant: Steve Simon

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Recommend against the proposal which will forever damage this building as a contributing structure within the district and encourage the applicant to follow the Sixth Street Architectural Design Standards to construct a rooftop deck that is not so grievous to the character of the historic district.

4. NRD-2019-0076 – Offered for consent approval

2411 Pemberton Place (Old West Austin Historic District)

Council District 9

Proposal: Remove and restore brick cladding on a ca. 1951 house, demolish a one-story wing and replace it with a similar two-story addition, replace the shingle roof with slate, and construct a hyphen and two-story rear addition.

Applicant: Robert Featherston

City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446

Committee Recommendation: Support the project.

Staff Recommendation: Comment on and release the plans.

5. NRD-2019-0077 – WITHDRAWN

2402 Pemberton Place (Old West Austin Historic District)

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR DEMOLITION OR RELOCATION

1. HDP-2019-0628 – Offered for consent approval

1603 E. 7th Street

Council District 3

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1917 house.

Applicant: Jason Martin

City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446 Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the existing building, then relocation over demolition; but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

2. HDP-2019-0693 – WITHDRAWN 2719 Wooldridge Drive

3. HDP-2019-0698 - Discussion

609 Hearn Street

Council District 10

Proposal: Demolish a ca. house. Applicant: Paradisa Homes, LLC

City Staff: Kalan Contreras, Historic Preservation Office, 974-2727 Staff Recommendation: Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. While the home is significant for its association with the Hearns, it does not rise to the level of architectural significance as the Hearn home at 902 Blanco Street.

4. HDP-2019-0711 – Offered for consent approval

4703 Ramsey Avenue

Council District 7

Proposal: Demolish a ca. house.

Applicant: Josh Rash

City Staff: Kalan Contreras, Historic Preservation Office, 974-2727 Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

5. HDP-2019-0714 – Offered for consent approval

3304 E. 17th Street

Council District 1

Proposal: Demolish a ca. house. Applicant: DAR Construction

City Staff: Kalan Contreras, Historic Preservation Office, 974-2727

Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of

Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

6. HDP-2019-0754 – Offered for consent approval

201 E. 3rd Street

Council District 9

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1904 warehouse.

Applicant: Michele Rogerson Lynch

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin

Documentation Package.

7. HDP-2019-0756 - Offered for consent approval

1009 E. 14th Street

Council District 1

Proposal: Construct an addition to a ca. 1929 house.

Applicant: C.B. Ellis

City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of

Austin Documentation Package

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT CASES

HDP-2019-0394 – Sebron Sneed House, 1801 Nelms Drive –
 Offered for consent approval to maintain the case on the agenda
 No new updates.

6. COMMISSION and STAFF ITEMS

A. Rename the Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee to the Architectural Review Committee to better reflect its role and purview.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee
- 2. Operations Committee
- 3. Grants Committee
- 4. Preservation Plan Committee

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Historic Landmark Commission, please contact Steve Sadowsky, City Historic Preservation Officer, at 512-974-6454; Cara Bertron, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, at 512-974-1446; Kalan Contreras, Senior Planner, at 512-974-2727; or Angela Gaudette, Historic Preservation Planner II, at 512-974-3393.