

From: Sally Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Rice, Andrew <Andrew.Rice@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Dessau Lutheran Church

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February 23, 2020

Austin Historic Landmark Commission

Austin City Hall

[301 W. 2nd Street](#)

[Austin, Texas 78701](#)

Re: Item 2.A on February 24, 2020 agenda

Historic Landmark Commissioners:

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Please help us save the church — and its history, for future generations.

Sincerely yours,

Sally Hunter
National Board Certified Teacher

[REDACTED]
Highland Park Elementary 512-841-1798
Austin Independent School District

Communicator-Learner-Individualization-Responsibility-Connections

Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; argument is an exchange of ignorance. Robert Quillen

From: Emma Lea Mayton [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Emma Lea Mayton <emayton@gmail.com>
Subject: Dessau Lutheran Church

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Dear Historic Landmark Commissioners:

As a 5th generation Austinite who grew up playing on the land that is now the Pioneer Farms, I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the proposal to relocate the Dessau Lutheran Church at [13300 Dessau Road](#) to Pioneer Farms at [10621 Pioneer Farms Drive](#), about two miles away. We need this historic church at Pioneer Farms to complete the era of structures at the time of settlement in this area. My grandparents and great-grandparents helped settle this area.

This church, built by early German settlers, is exactly of the same time period as the historic Pioneer Farms. We do not want to lose this precious building, endangered in its present location, due to it soon being landlocked by development on all sides.

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Please, please help us save this church and its history for future generations.

Most Sincerely,

Emma Lea King Mayton

7101 Daugherty Street

Austin, TX 78757 512-451-6876

From: Rosemary Morrow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Dessau Lutheran Church

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Sincerely,
Rosemary Morrow

Rosemary Morrow, PhD
Travis County Historical Commission (TCHC) Member
Jourdan-Bachman Board of Governors Secretary
512.251.7212
[REDACTED]

From: Caren Troutman <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:13 AM

To: Rice, Andrew <Andrew.Rice@austintexas.gov>

Subject: 1616 W. 9 1/2 St. NRD-2020-0002, GF 20-009143, Historic Landmark Commission Agenda 2/24/2020

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As a neighbor of 1616 W. 9/12 St. I am opposed to the relocation of the existing structure to allow new two-story construction.

The proposed new construction is larger in mass on the lot than the existing structure. Since the lot is higher in elevation than lots to the north it constitutes a taller than two story presence as described.

I am in favor of the staff recommendation to encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the existing building which would be consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

Thanks,
Caren Troutman
1619 W. 10th St.

From: John Phelps <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 7:20 AM

To: Reed, Emily - BC <bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov>; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC <bc-Alexander.Papavasiliou@austintexas.gov>; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC <BC-Sarah.Valenzuela@austintexas.gov>; McWhorter, Trey - BC <BC-Trey.McWhorter@austintexas.gov>; Jacob, Mathew - BC <BC-Mathew.Jacob@austintexas.gov>; Koch, Kevin - BC <BC-Kevin.Koch@austintexas.gov>; Tollett, Blake - BC <bc-Blake.Tollett@austintexas.gov>; Featherston, Witt <BC-Witt.Featherston@austintexas.gov>; Heimsath, Ben - BC <BC-Ben.Heimsath@austintexas.gov>; Little, Kelly - BC <BC-Kelly.Little@austintexas.gov>; Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>; Myers, Terri - BC <bc-Terri.Myers@austintexas.gov>

Cc: Jon Durbin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Saving Dessau Lutheran Church

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Thanks, John

[johnphelps photography](#)

512-709-3920

From: M West <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 1:48 AM
To: Michael West <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Please Save Dessau Lutheran Church

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Respectfully,
Michael West

9502 Winchester Rd. Austin, Texas

From: Liza Feldkamp <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 11:44 PM
To: Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dessau Lutheran Church: Pioneer Farms

This message is from Liza Feldkamp. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Sadowsky,

It would be a terrible loss to Texas History if the donation of the Dessau Lutheran Church were not to be allowed to Pioneer Farms. Please do everything within your power to see that this donation can be made, unimpeded by code laws that would make it impossible. I don't know if you've been to Pioneer Farms, but it is so very special, as it keeps Texas history alive.

I hope that this message reaches you in time to make a difference for Texan Historical preservation.

Sincerely,

Liza Feldkamp
German/Art/Yearbook Teacher
Murchison Middle School
Austin ISD

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From: Jon Durbin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:45 PM

To: Reed, Emily - BC <bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov>; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC <bc-Alexander.Papavasiliou@austintexas.gov>; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC <BC-Sarah.Valenzuela@austintexas.gov>; McWhorter, Trey - BC <BC-Trey.McWhorter@austintexas.gov>; Jacob, Mathew - BC <BC-Mathew.Jacob@austintexas.gov>; Koch, Kevin - BC <BC-Kevin.Koch@austintexas.gov>; Tollett, Blake - BC <bc-Blake.Tollett@austintexas.gov>; Featherston, Witt <BC-Witt.Featherston@austintexas.gov>; Heimsath, Ben - BC <BC-Ben.Heimsath@austintexas.gov>; Little, Kelly - BC <BC-Kelly.Little@austintexas.gov>; Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>; Myers, Terri - BC <bc-Terri.Myers@austintexas.gov>

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Jon Durbin
7609 Baja Cove
Austin, TX 78759

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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 7:20 AM
To: Reed, Emily - BC <bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov>; Myers, Terri - BC <bc-Terri.Myers@austintexas.gov>; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC <bc-Alexander.Papavasiliou@austintexas.gov>; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC <BC-Sarah.Valenzuela@austintexas.gov>; McWhorter, Trey - BC <BC-Trey.McWhorter@austintexas.gov>; Jacob, Mathew - BC <BC-Mathew.Jacob@austintexas.gov>; Koch, Kevin - BC <BC-Kevin.Koch@austintexas.gov>; Tollett, Blake - BC <bc-Blake.Tollett@austintexas.gov>; Featherston, Witt <BC-Witt.Featherston@austintexas.gov>; Heimsath, Ben - BC <BC-Ben.Heimsath@austintexas.gov>; Little, Kelly - BC <BC-Kelly.Little@austintexas.gov>; Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>
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Ed Sowell - Vice President Dessau Lutheran Cemetery Association
1010 County road 140
Burnet, Texas 78611

From: Caroline Ferguson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Reed, Emily - BC <bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov>; Myers, Terri - BC <bc-Terri.Myers@austintexas.gov>; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC <bc-Alexander.Papavasiliou@austintexas.gov>; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC <BC-Sarah.Valenzuela@austintexas.gov>; McWhorter, Trey - BC <BC-Trey.McWhorter@austintexas.gov>; Jacob, Mathew - BC <BC-Mathew.Jacob@austintexas.gov>; Koch, Kevin - BC <BC-Kevin.Koch@austintexas.gov>; Tollett, Blake - BC <bc-Blake.Tollett@austintexas.gov>; Featherston, Witt <BC-Witt.Featherston@austintexas.gov>; Heimsath, Ben - BC <BC-Ben.Heimsath@austintexas.gov>; Little, Kelly - BC <BC-Kelly.Little@austintexas.gov>; Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>
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Caroline Ferguson



Director of Outreach
Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farms

From: Celeste Scarborough <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>; emily.reed@austintexas.gov;
terri.myers@austintexas.gov; alexander.papavasiliou@austintexas.gov;
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ben.heimsath@austintexas.gov; blake.tollett@austintexas.gov
Cc: Michael Ward <[REDACTED]>; Sara Saltmarsh <[REDACTED]>;
Rosemary Morrow <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Preserving Faith - Item 2.A tonight

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission:

As a member of Pioneer Farms Board of Governors, I entreat you to support the move of the Dessau Lutheran church to Pioneer Farms.

My grandparents came to Texas as children in covered wagons at the beginning of the 20th century. Their ethics - and their roots in faith in biblical principals - were not only an essential part of daily life but supported mightily the early settlers' sense of community and their continued crafting of law and order.

Pioneer Farms lacks representation of the importance of the Christian faith in the struggles of the pioneers that came to our region from Europe. Life was very difficult then, and the role of community worship played an invaluable role in the cultural and psychological development of those who laid the foundation for us today.

The cemetery associated with this historical church will be just down the road. We believe the fabric of those formative years of faith in the 1800's will not only be preserved, but shared with the 25,000+ school-age children and thousands of adults who visit it annually.

God will be in that church, I can assure you. In worship services, weddings, choral concerts, prayer meetings, etc.

It is our intent to interpretively highlight the Lutheran faith brought to the blackland prairie, but will also be open to all groups of faith for use in respectful manners. We want to bring the physical structure of the church back to life - renew it's spirit - while showcasing the values of the people who labored to settle our area.

Thank you, sincerely, for your consideration as well as your continued good works. I am both thankful and envious of the positions you hold - preserving our past is so important to who we become in the future.

Regards,
Celeste Scarborough
Pioneer Farms Board of Governors

From: Emma Beard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Reed, Emily - BC <bc-Emily.Reed@austintexas.gov>
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Thank you,
Emma Beard

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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 11:50 AM

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Pioneer Farms has successfully restored other buildings with historical significance and have incorporate them into the town square on their property. Adding this church would not only save a beloved building. It would also put this building into a space that honors history and presents that history regularly to the people who come to their site.

Please approve the relocation, and recommend that the City Council waive permitting fees for this important grassroots preservation project.

Please help us save this church and its history, now and for future genera
Betty

Rev. Betty Skwarek
UU Free Range Ministry

[REDACTED]
cell: 512-994-8748

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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 11:42 AM
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Michael Ward
901 West 16th Street
Austin, TX 78701

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300 Meadow Creek Drive Pflugerville

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February 24, 2020
Austin Historic Landmark Commission
Austin City Hall
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Re: Item 2.A on February 24, 2020 agenda

Historic Landmark Commissioners:

I have served on the Board of the Pioneer Farms Foundation for about nine years and am a long-time resident of Austin, having practiced law here for over 33 years.

I write in strong support of the proposal to relocate the Dessau Lutheran Church at 13300 Dessau Road to Pioneer Farms at 10621 Pioneer Farms Drive. The distance between the sites is a short distance of about two miles, allowing the historic church to remain close to the area where it was built and where its congregation worshipped.

This quaint, historic church, built by early German pioneers, is clearly endangered in his present location, and must be moved to save it from continued decay and damage. Absent action, this church will soon be completely landlocked and doomed by encroaching development.

Members of the Dessau Lutheran Cemetery Association, descendants of the people who built the church in 1876, voted overwhelmingly in May 2019 to have the church relocated to where it can be restored and protected — and have its significant history interpreted in a public venue. Neither of those worthy preservation goals are possible in its current location.

Pioneer Farms already has raised well over half the money needed to relocate the church and are awaiting your decision on this important relocation before they can secure the additional funding needed to ensure its long-term preservation. Neither the Dessau Lutheran Cemetery Association nor the Pioneer Farms Foundation anticipated that the move would not occur for ten months after the vote to move the church last May.

Please approve the relocation and recommend that the City Council waive permitting fees for this important grassroots preservation project. Pioneer Farms is a non-profit museum, a living history farm, and is not a commercial development.

Please help us save the church and its history for the children and families of Austin and for future generations.

Respectfully,

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