

August 20, 2020



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**OWANA
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Committee**

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RE: Application for Historic Zoning for 1607 W. 10th Street

Dear Commissioners:

The Old West Austin Neighborhood Association is pleased to communicate our strong support of the application for Historic Landmark Zoning for the **Mary Baylor House at 1607 W. 10th Street.**

This home is a significant structure in the Clarksville neighborhood. It was the home of Mary Frances Freeman Baylor, an important African-American activist and founder of the Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC).

Mary Baylor dedicated much of her life to serving the residents of Clarksville. She served as director of the Clarksville Neighborhood Center (then known as the Human Opportunities Corporation). Later, she led the effort to protest the creation of Loop 1 (better known as Mopac) and limit its impact on the Clarksville community.

Without her efforts, much more of the neighborhood would have been wiped out and many lifelong residents displaced. Her legacy lives on in the CCDC, which seeks to preserve the Clarksville heritage by renovating historic properties and employing them as affordable housing options to qualifying Austin residents.

Moreover, this home remains true to the original character of Clarksville. It has retained its historic features and was renovated lovingly over the last several years by the current owners.

As we lose the historic fabric of Clarksville bit-by-bit each year, it only fitting to confer landmark status to the home of such an important member of the Clarksville community who fought to save one of the earliest freedmen communities west of the Mississippi.

On behalf of the membership of OWANA, I urge you all to vote in favor of this historic landmark application.

Sincerely,

Ted C. Barnhill
Chair, Steering Committee
Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA)

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Case Number: C14H-2019-0161

Contact: Angela Gaudette, 512-974-3393;
preservation@austintexas.gov

Public Hearing: HLC: 8/24/2020; Planning Commission: 9/8/2020;

Council: 10/1/2020

PEGGY KELM

Your Name (please print)

2 1604 W. 9 1/2 street

Your address(es) affected by this application

Peggy Kelm

Signature

Aug. 10, 2020

Date

Daytime Telephone:

512-699-5882

Comments:

This house has been in the family since 1920's. We like that the Neighborhood is a single family Neighborhood and the surrounding streets. I object to multi-family units being built to lose the integrity of such an old established neighborhood.

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin

Planning & Zoning Department

Angela Gaudette; preservation@austintexas.gov

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

This zoning/rezoning request will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: before the Land Use Commission and the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to participate in a public hearing, you are not required to do so. This meeting will be conducted online and you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. Email or call the staff contact for information on how to participate in the public hearings online. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During its public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff's recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a zoning request, or rezone the land to a less intensive zoning than requested but in no case will it grant a more intensive zoning.

However, in order to allow for mixed use development, the Council may add the MIXED USE (MU) COMBINING DISTRICT to certain commercial districts. The MU Combining District simply allows residential uses in addition to those uses already allowed in the seven commercial zoning districts. As a result, the MU Combining District allows the combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our website:
www.austintexas.gov/planning.

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James PERSON III

Your Name (please print)

1207-BW 9TH ST

Your address(es) affected by this application

James Person III

Signature

☒ I am in favor
☐ I object

8/6/20
Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-633-5988

Comments: _____

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