



POOL AND LANDSCAPE EXTERIOR

1. THE POOL'S STONE AND CONCRETE ARE SPLITTING APART AND CRACKING.



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POOL AND LANDSCAPE EXTERIOR

1. CHANGING ROOMS - THE CONCRETE WALLS ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF WATER DAMAGE. THE WOOD DOORS ARE FALLING APART.
2. CHANGING ROOMS – ON THE INSIDE OF THE CHANGING ROOMS, THE WALLS ARE CRACKING AND THE FOUNDATION IS DAMAGED. DEBRIS IS COVERING THE FLOOR.



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POOL AND LANDSCAPE EXTERIOR

1. FRONT OF BENCH – THE FINISH OVER THE CONCRETE BENEATH IS PEELING OFF.
2. BACKSIDE OF BENCH – THE BENCH IS CRACKED AND IS IN DISREPAIR.



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POOL AND LANDSCAPE EXTERIOR

1. WALL IS CRACKING AND SPLITTING APART IN THIS LOCATION.



JUNE 28, 2022
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RYAN STREET
ARCHITECTS

2002 SCENIC DRIVE RESIDENCE
Pool and Landscape- Exterior



POOL AND LANDSCAPE EXTERIOR

1. THE BRIDGE IS CRACKING AND IS UNSAFE TO WALK OVER.
2. THE WALL IS CRUMBLING APART IN SEVERAL AREAS.



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2.



POOL AND LANDSCAPE EXTERIOR

1. THE CONCRETE STAIRS ARE CONSTRICTING THIS SIGNIFICANT TREE.
2. THE STAIRS ARE CRACKING AND MOVING DUE TO THE TREE'S GROWTH.



1.



2.



THANK YOU

Lake Austin

**2002 Scenic
Lake Austin Case**



Rationale for 2002 Scenic

Architecture

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Historical Association

x

Archaeology

x

Community Value

?

Landscape Feature

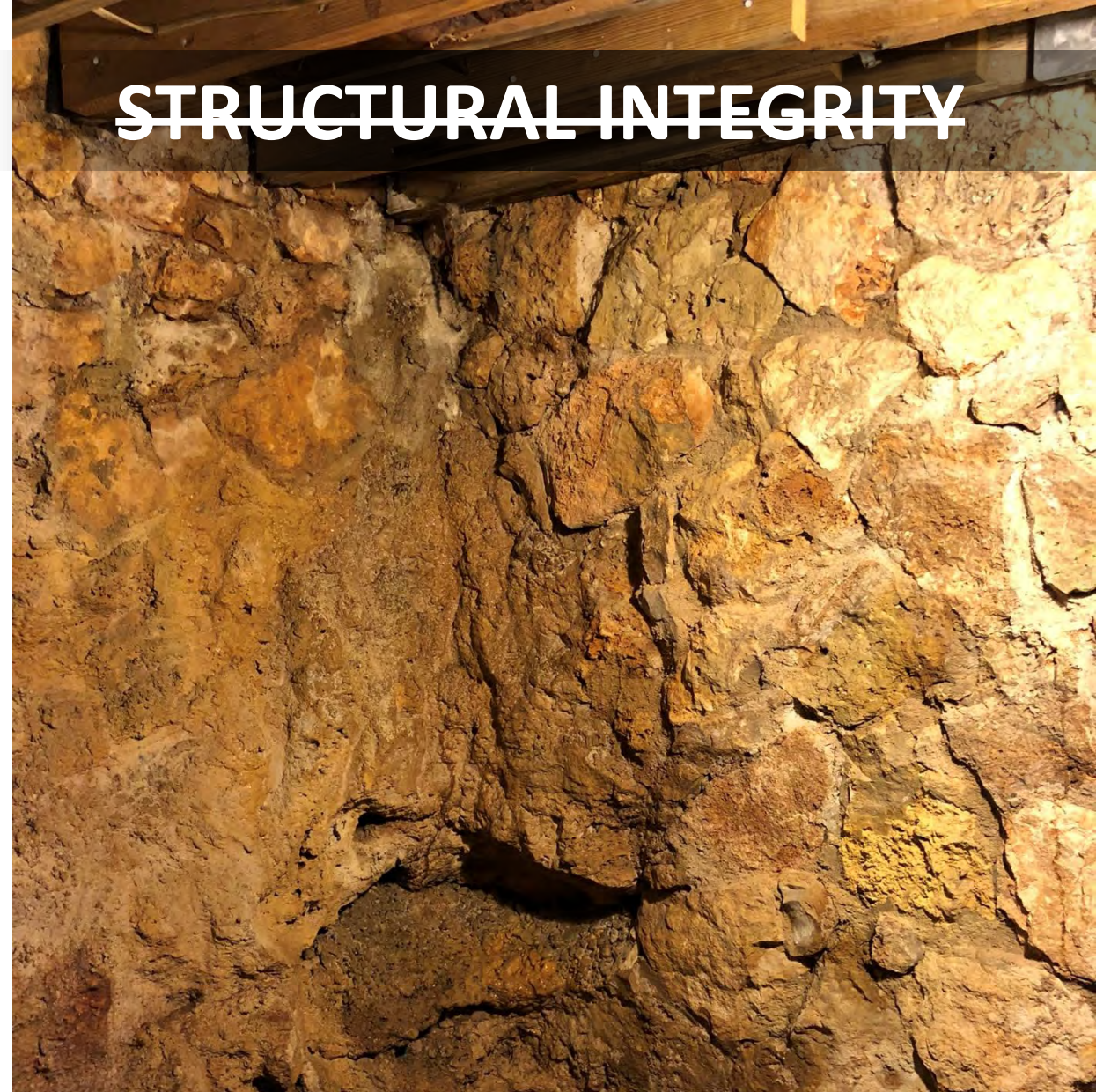
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The Commission must find that the property meets at least two of the above criteria.

ARCHITECTURE?



We believe the case for architectural significance is weak, but at the very least, it – alone – is not sufficient.



Much of the structures could not be preserved as they exist today – they would need to be deconstructed and rebuilt.

LANDSCAPE FEATURE



The “Landscaped Features” in the staff report are common yard amenities laid out in a functional manner.

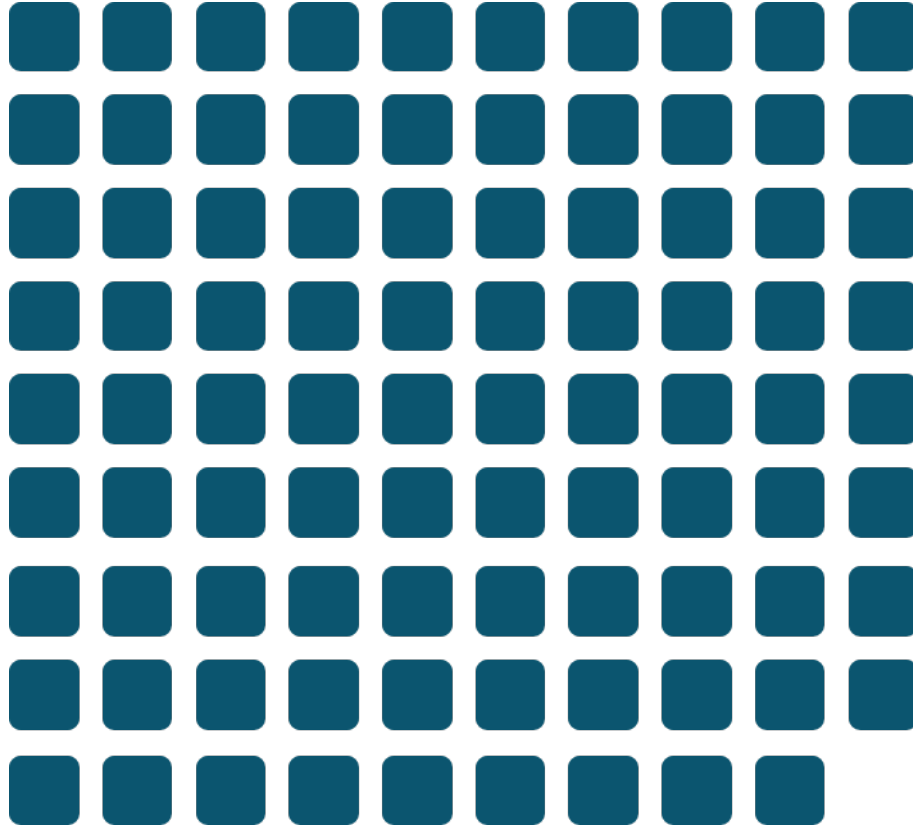
COMMUNITY VALUE



It is not physically or visually accessible to the community and does not meet precedent for “Community Value.”

HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

Cases WITH “Historic Association”



Cases With NO “Historic Association”



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“The masonry walls are not adequate for load-bearing, and their reuse as a non-load-bearing veneer is not practical. The foundation is questionable and likely not adequate for reuse in an extensive renovation.”



“The wood roof framing has obvious rot in areas exposed by holes, and I believe it is likely that further investigation will reveal that none of the roof framing is salvageable.”



For the Apartment Unit: "These walls cannot be reused as load-bearing."



“These [pool] walls and slab have failed... The pool and deck are not suitable for reuse.”

Engineer's Report – Major Structural Issues Impact:

Foundation

Masonry Walls

Wood Framing

Extensive Water Damage

Pool Deck and Slab

2002 Scenic faces extensive structural issues that will necessitate demolition.

Landscape Feature Rationale

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“Landscape Feature” Precedent (Casa McMath)

Intentional Design

Connected to the Site’s History

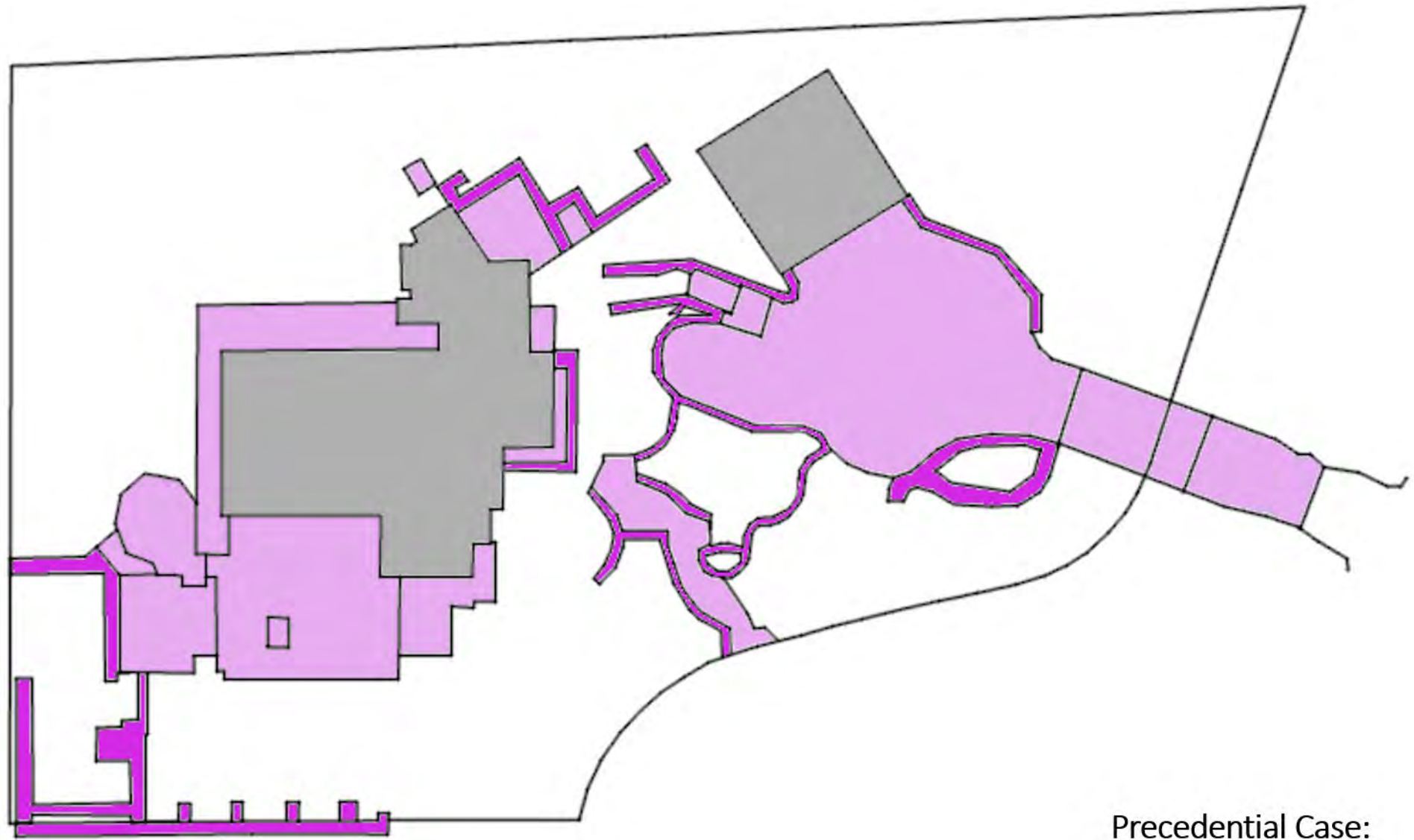
Distinct and Unique Style

We reviewed every historic zoning case in the city’s system over the past decade in order to determine precedent for what constituted an historic “Landscape Feature.”

✓ Intentionality

✓ Site Integration

✓ Unique Style



Precedential Case:
Casa McMath

- X Functionality
- X Common Yard Amenities
- X "Urnite" Rationale



2002 Scenic



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What	✓	✗
Where	✓	✗
How	✓	✗

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Urnite

- “Urnite” is NOT historic. It was a short-lived and failed business venture.
- Delisle is NOT historic. HLC chose not to invoke the Historic Association criterion.
- Delisle’s connection to “Urnite” is tenuous. He was just one of “the men who owned stock.”

Increasing its capital stock from \$5000 to \$30,000, the Urnite Manufacturing company, synthetic stone manufacturing company and one of Austin's newest, will open on Sept. 1 a plant triple the size of its present one, Max Werkenthin, president of the company, said Monday morning.

The controlling interest in the company will be kept by the original stockholders, Mr. Werkenthin said, and those stockholders will constitute the board of directors.

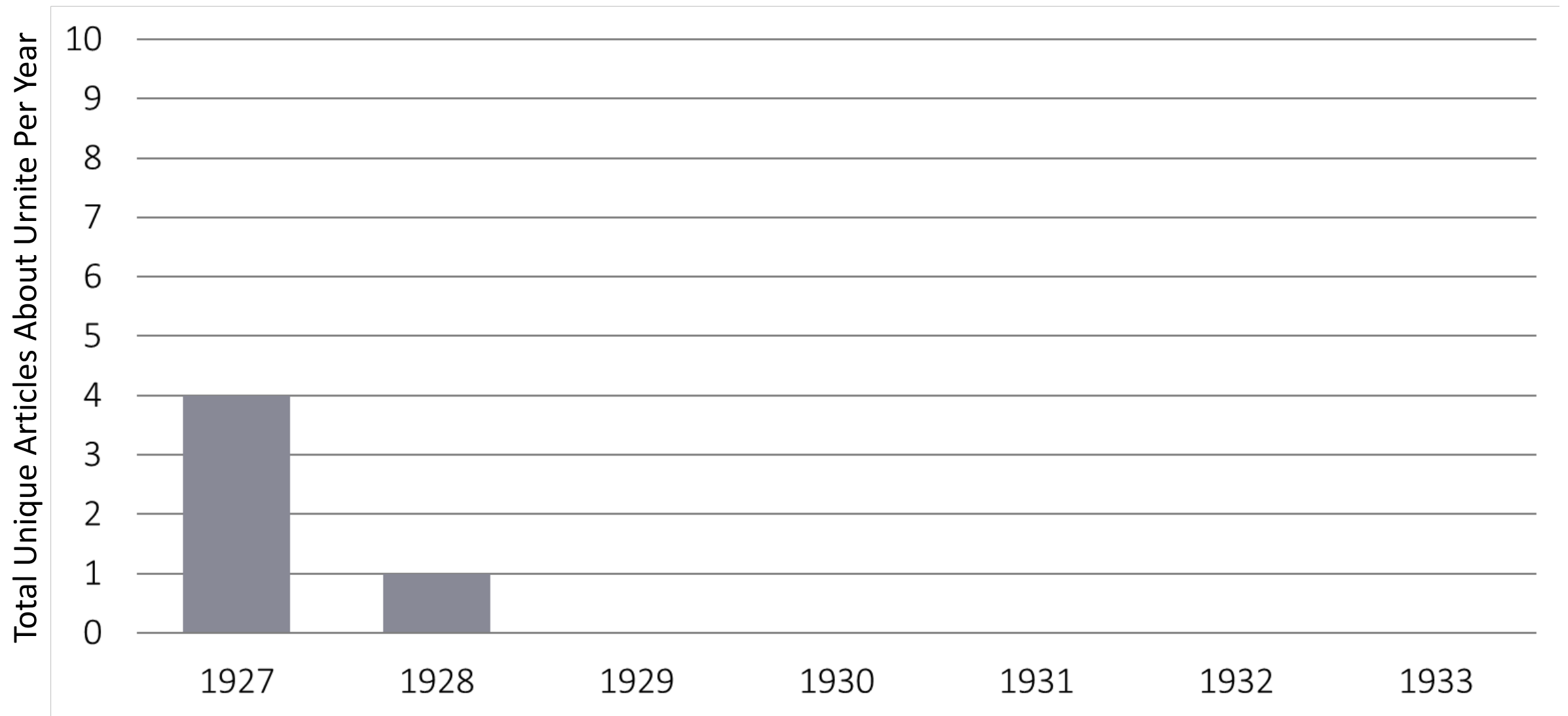
The men who owned stock in the company when it first opened operations in April were C. F. Paul, Max Werkenthin, R. M. DeLisle, H. M. Bohn and M. Holck.



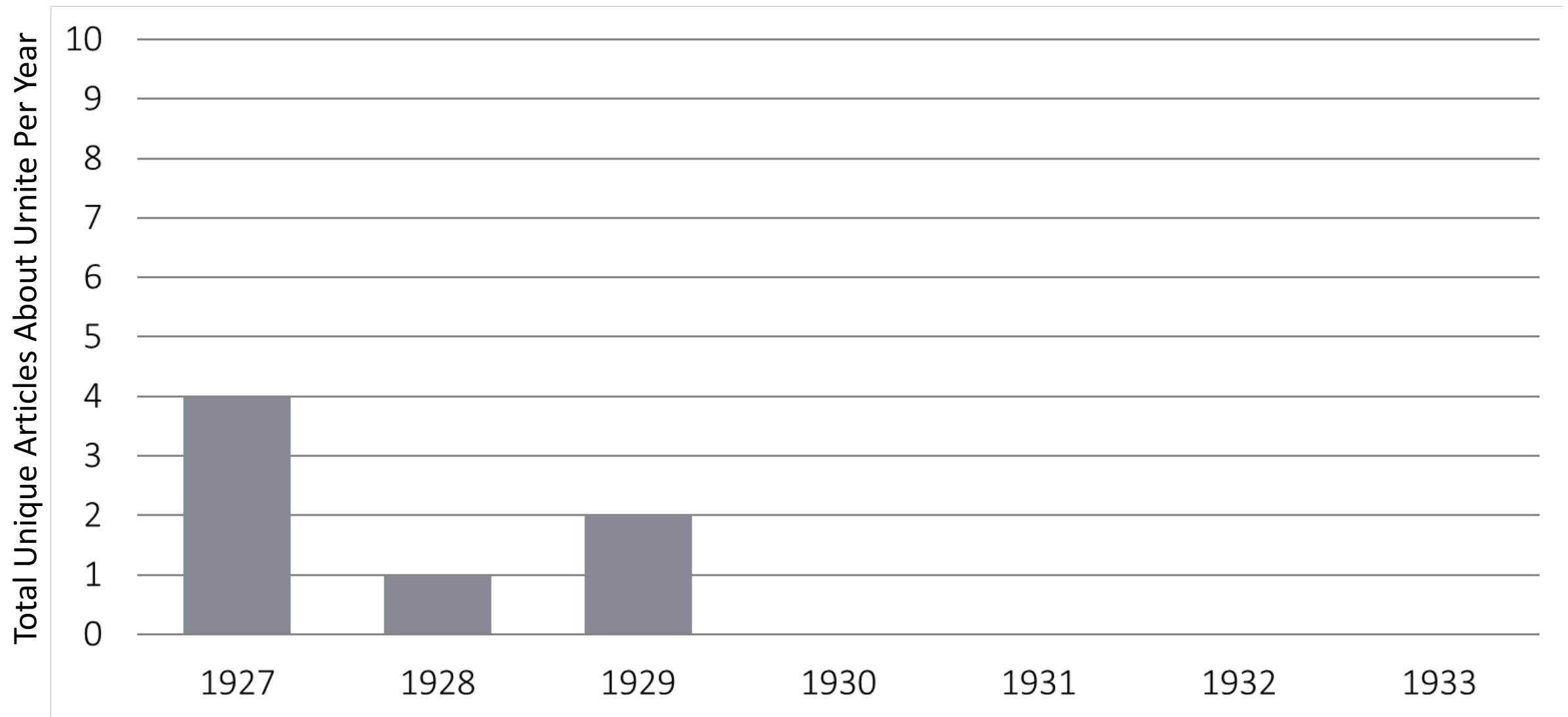
We reviewed every newspaper archive reference available related to “urnite.”



There were four unique articles about “urnite” in 1927, the year the Urnite Manufacturing Company was founded.



There was one more “urnite” article in 1928.

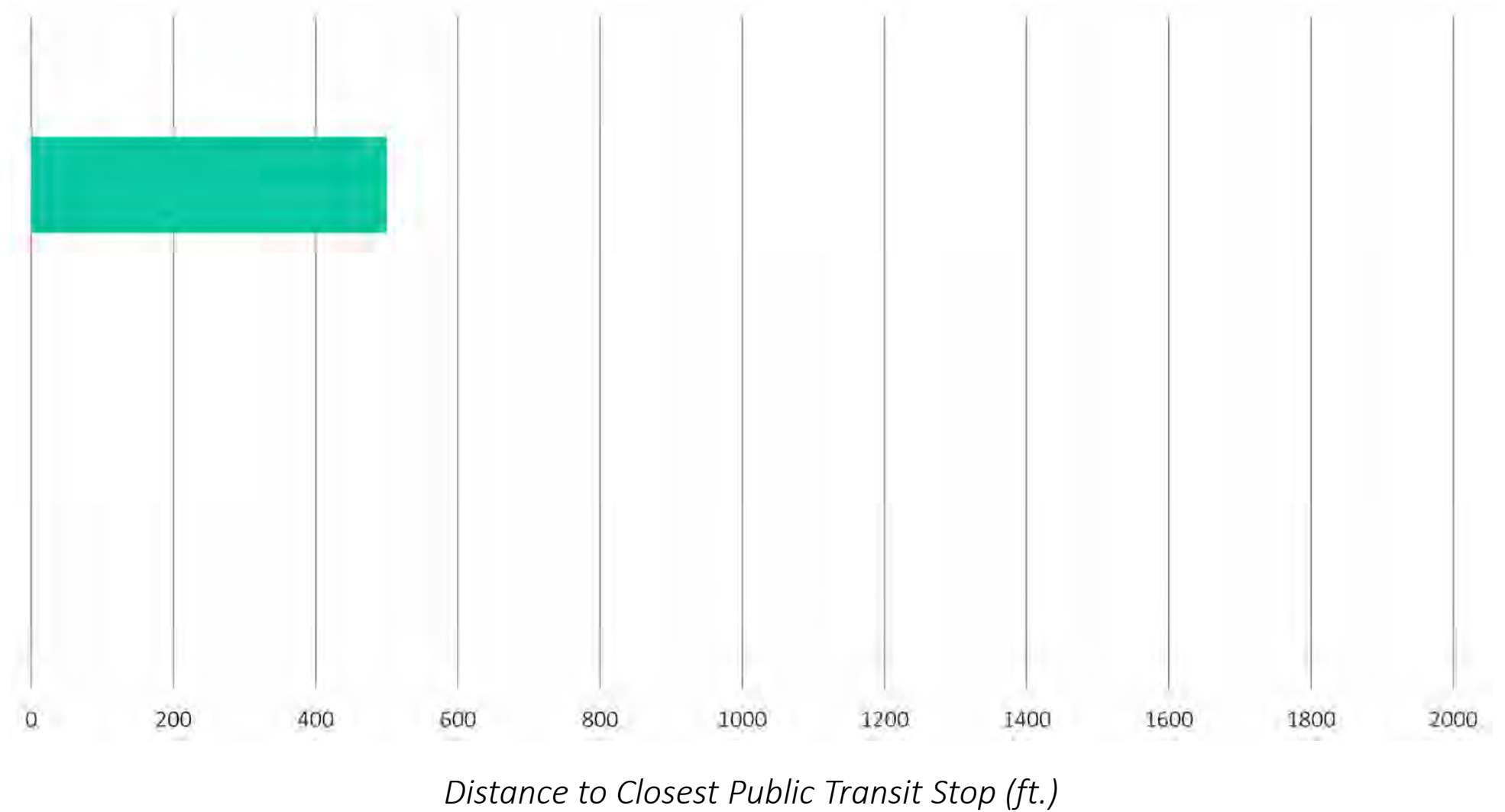


And two more “urnite” articles in 1929. After that we were unable to locate more “urnite” articles.

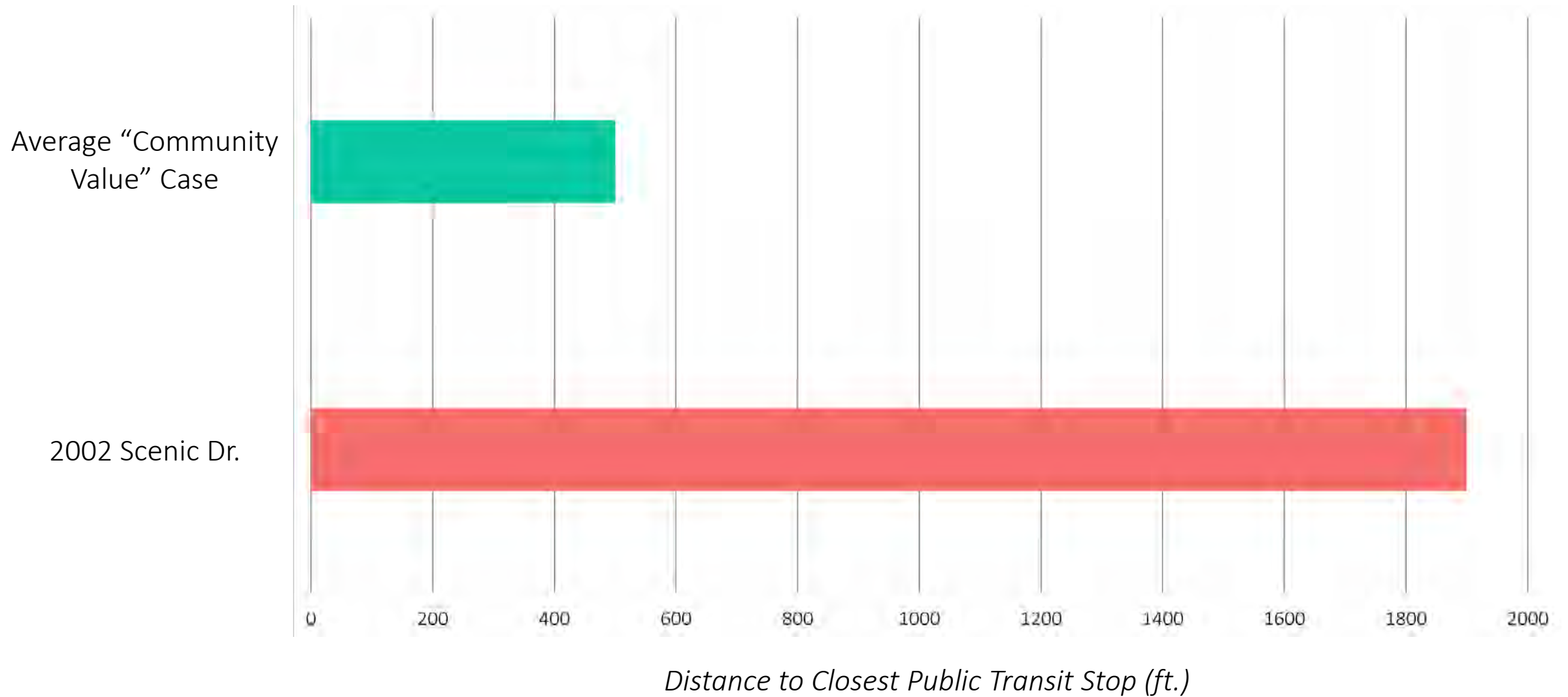
“Community Value” Factors	Precedential Cases
Accessible Location	✓
Visually Accessible	✓
Publicly Accessible / Public Purpose	✓
Connection to Black or Latinx History	✓

We reviewed every historic zoning case in the city’s system over the past decade in order to determine precedent for what constituted “Community Value.”

Average “Community Value” Case



“Community Value” cases tend to be accessible to the broader Austin community.



2002 Scenic is nearly four times farther away from public transit than the average "Community Value" case.

Population in WANG Boundaries

14,000

12,000

10,000

8,000

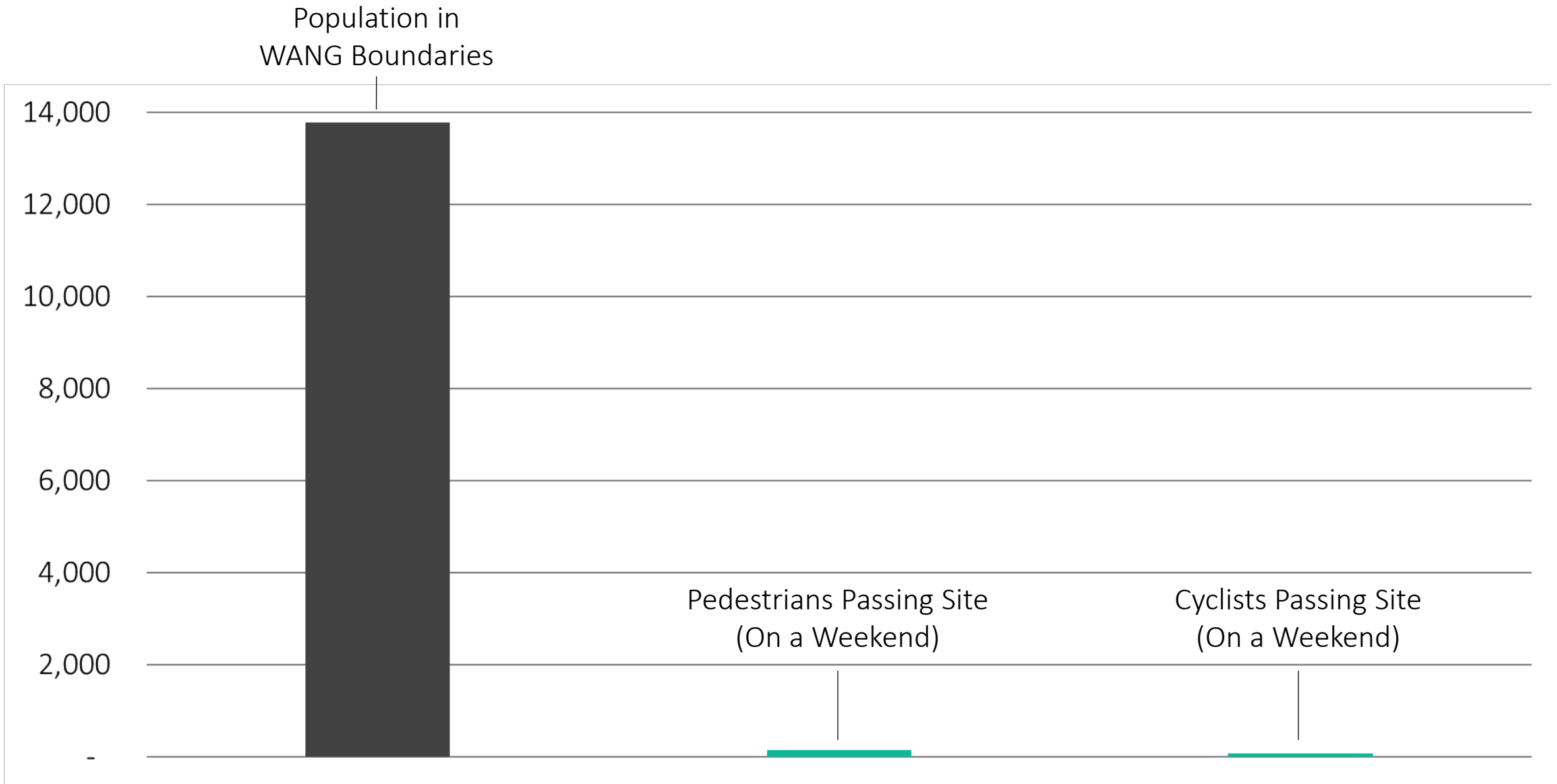
6,000

4,000

2,000

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According to the Census Bureau, there are a little bit less than 14,000 people in the neighborhood (West Austin Neighborhood Group).



Yet a transportation study found only 151 pedestrians and 66 cyclists passing this property over an entire weekend (48 hours, Saturday and Sunday). Combined, that is less than 2 percent of the neighborhood.



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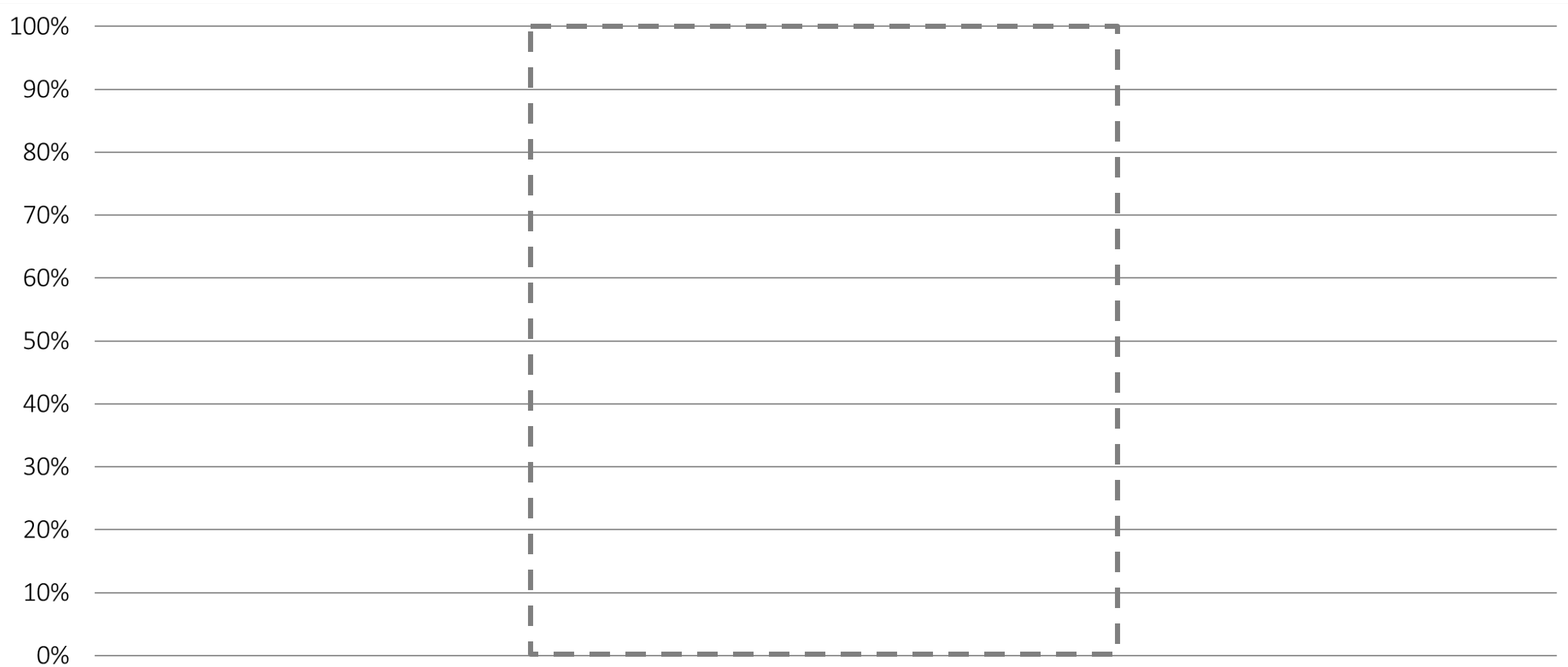
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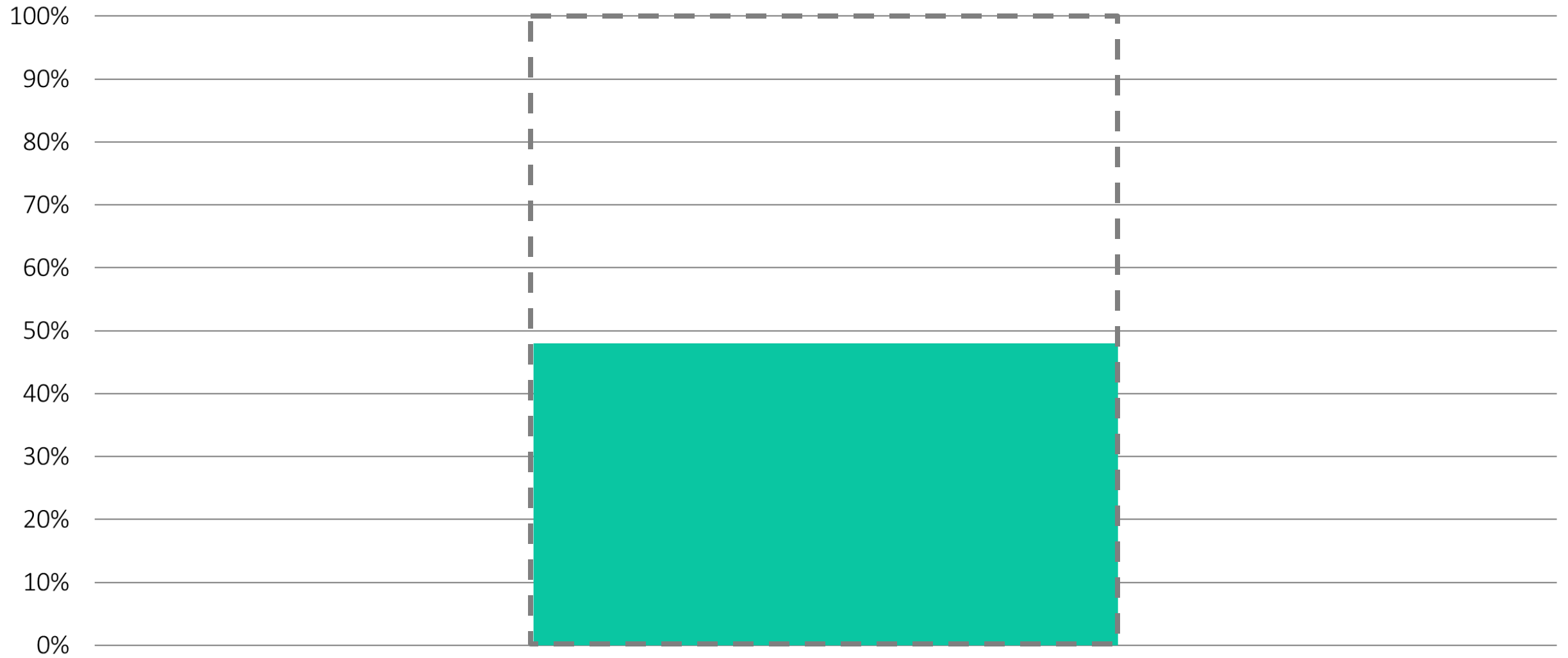
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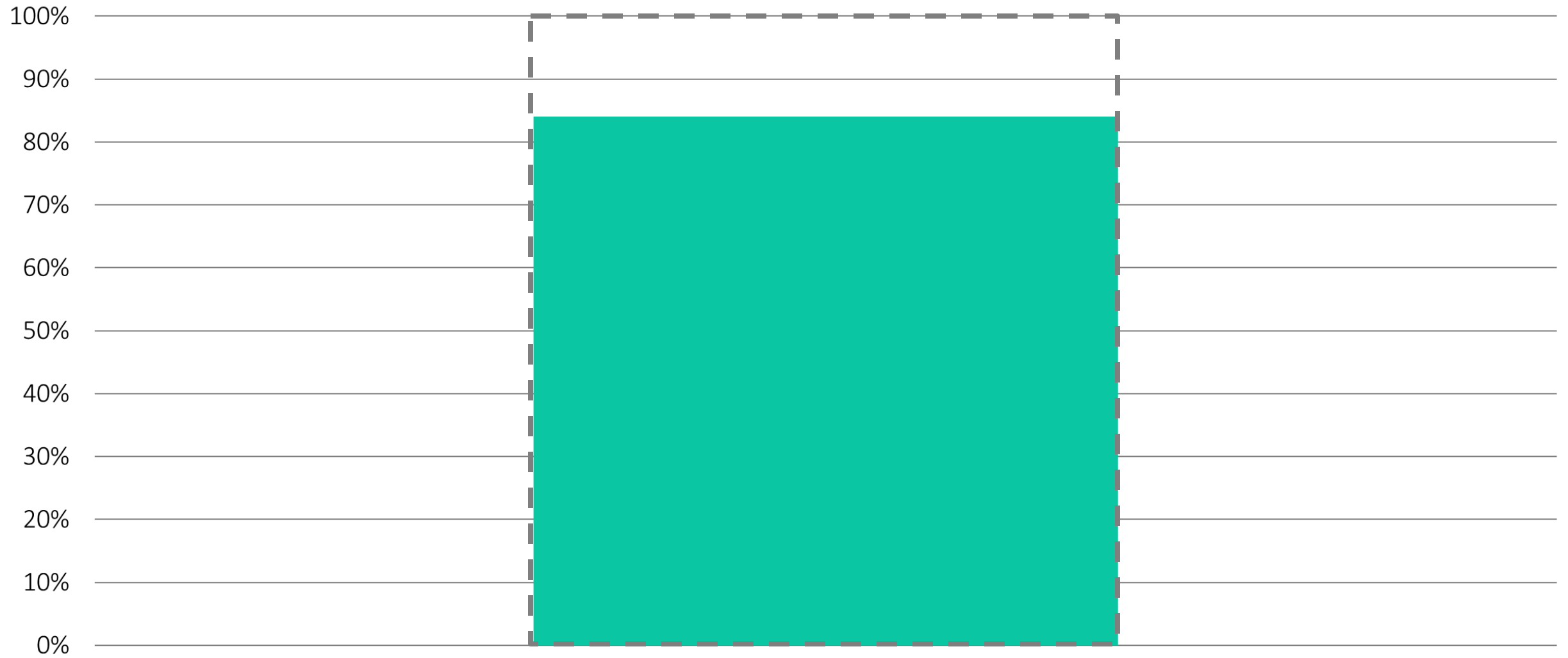
Unlike virtually all “Community Value” cases, 2002 Scenic is not visually accessible for the public.



We evaluated every historic zoning case over the past decade to determine what constituted “Community Value.”



Most “Community Value” cases either involved a landmark that was publicly accessible or had a public purpose...



... or was part of the history of the Black or Latinx communities.
Very few cases did not include one or more of these factors.

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“Community Value” Factors	2002 Scenic Dr.
Accessible Location	X
Visually Accessible	X
Publicly Accessible / Public Purpose	X
Connection to Black or Latinx History	X

2002 Scenic Dr. does not meet any of these factors –
and is an extreme outlier among “Community Value” precedents.

Rationale for 2002 Scenic

Architecture

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Historical Association

x

Archaeology

x

Community Value

x

Landscape Feature

x

This case does not meet at least two of the above criteria.

Back-Up Slides

Precedent

Designed By: Hugh McMath

- Professor of Architecture (UT)
- Director of School of Architecture
- President of Central Texas AIA

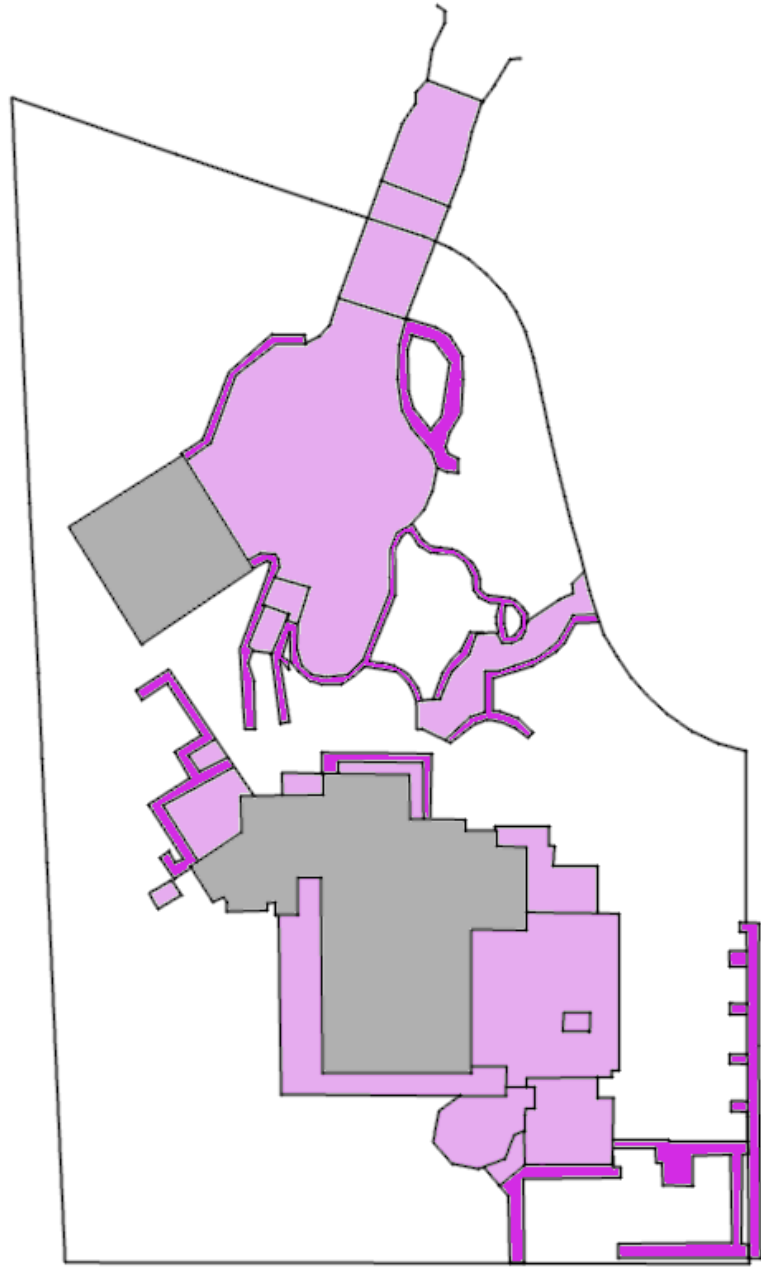
Staff Report: “Although Hugh McMath did not design this house, his interventions quite literally take a modernist architectural form and seek to ground it, both through integration into the landscape and borrowing from regional architectural traditions.”

2002 Scenic

Designed By: ?

Staff Report: “Landscape features, including arched bridge and bench, appear to incorporate Delisle’s Urnite material.”

The staff report’s rationale focuses on the unverified assumption that certain common yard amenities may incorporate “urnite” – a short-lived material without historic significance.





2002 Scenic is not accessible to the community.
It is located on an isolated West Austin street – and fronts onto the lake, far away from the right-of-way.

Staff Presentation:

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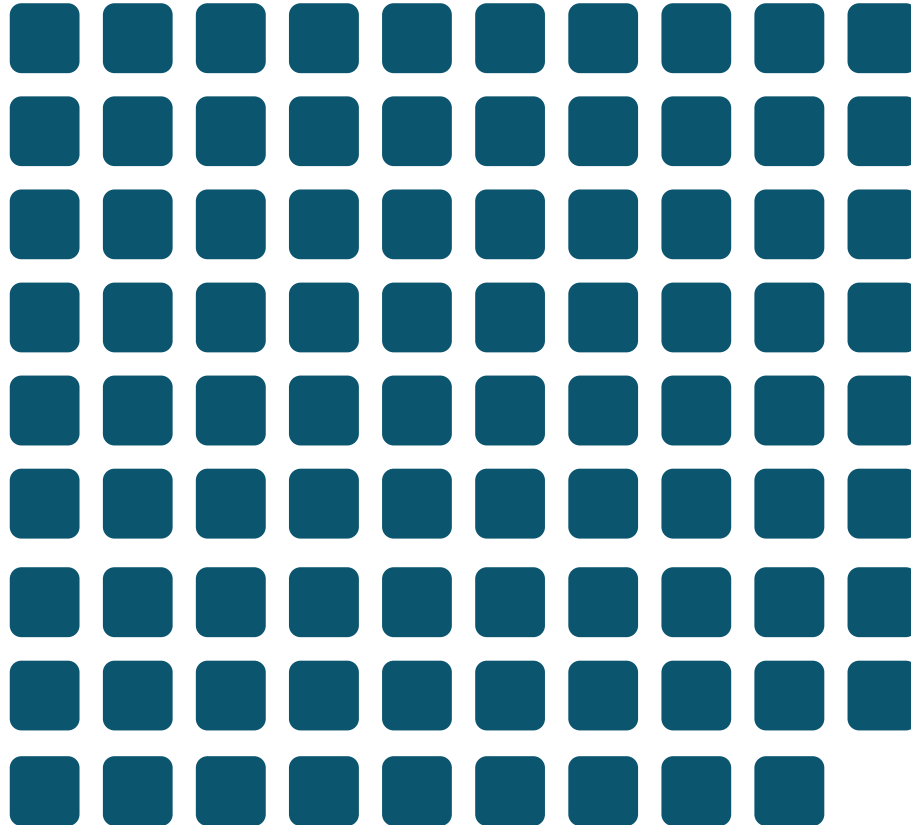
We have to look at both the architecture – where, I think we have architecture here in spades, I mean there’s no doubt about it – but the Historic Associations, in staff’s opinion, are just not there.

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I don’t know that it could qualify as a historic landmark – especially with owner opposition.”

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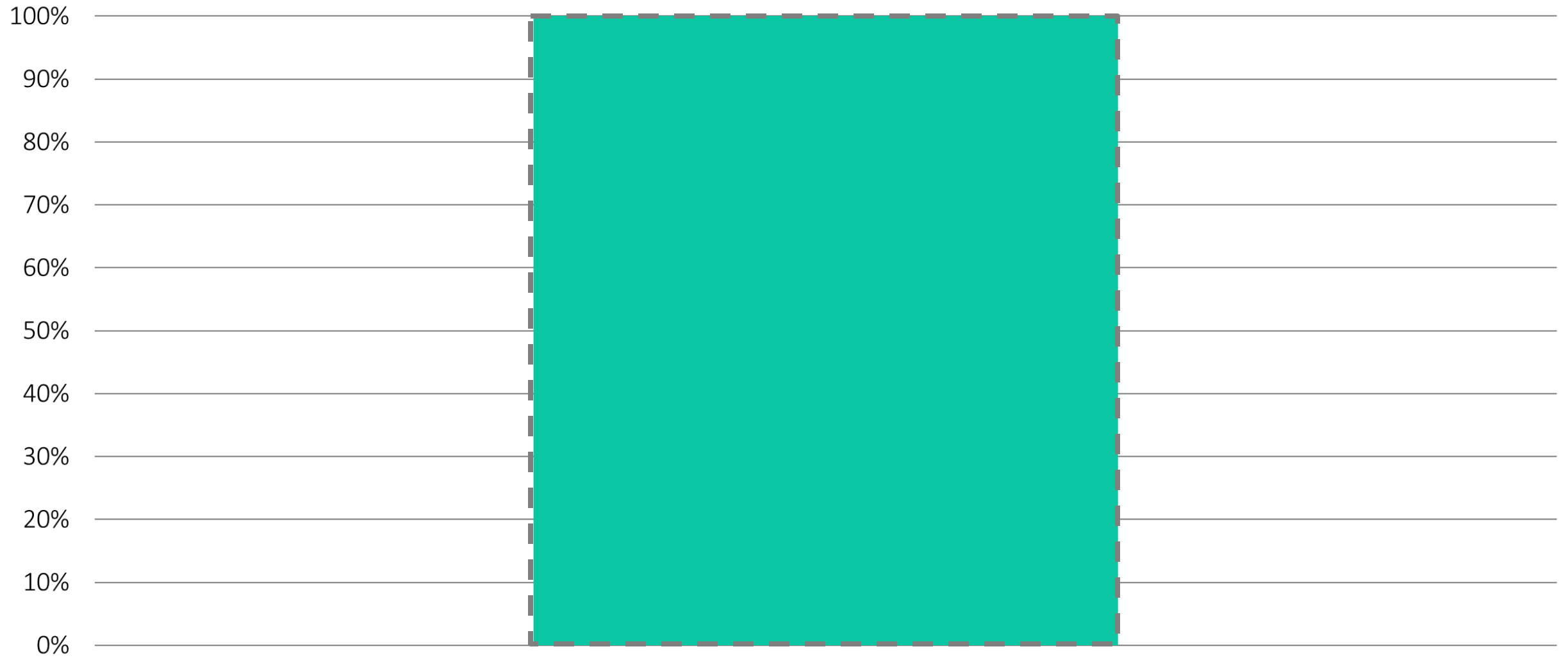


Cases With NO “Historic Association”



Historic Zoning Cases (2011-2022)

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And all of the “Community Value” cases that Council actually approved included at least one of these factors.

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The staff report's rationale focuses on purely speculative claims about Delisle and "urnite" – a short-lived material without historic significance.



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May 26, 2022

Terri Myers, Chair
City of Austin
Historic Landmark Commission

Re: 2002 Scenic Drive

Dear Ms. Myers,

Preservation Austin exists to empower Austinites to shape a more inclusive, resilient, and meaningful community culture through preservation. We love a good building, and write today to express our concern over the possible demolition of 2002 Scenic Drive (PR-2002-032448), a property that we believe is eligible for historic designation.

Following the May HLC meeting during which this case was postponed, Preservation Austin conducted additional research into the history of the site beyond what was included in the case backup materials. Based on the backup materials and our additional research, Preservation Austin believes that the property meets the criteria for significance under Architecture and Historical Association. However, we also believe that additional research is needed and ask that HPO staff be given more time to research the complete history of this property so that the best preservation outcome may be achieved.

The property on Scenic Drive retains integrity as defined by the National Register of Historic Places and clearly conveys historical significance. Its wholly unique design and landscape tell a distinct Austin story that we are just beginning to understand, and we echo neighbors' extreme dismay that this rare architectural treasure might be razed. Preservation Austin believes the properties meet the following criteria for preservation under Austin's current development code:

Architecture:

The primary building at 2002 Scenic Drive is a two-story Spanish eclectic residence with Modern and eclectic additions constructed during the historic period. Fenestration includes multi-light wood casement windows irregularly placed throughout. A cylindrical turret with a crenelated parapet and arched windows flanks an open masonry porch that leads to an expansive designed landscape. Both the exterior and interior feature elaborately carved keystones with human and animal motifs. The landscape features tinted concrete elements including a footbridge and a bench.

Based on our research, we determined that 2002 Scenic Drive (formerly 2002 River Road) was built in 1923. Its architect is yet unclear; however, we know that the home was built by Raymond Delisle, who was the builder of several homes along Lake Austin around this time. Delisle was a businessman involved in many endeavors, including the Urnite Manufacturing Company, where he held the position of director.

2002 Scenic Drive's architecture is extremely similar to that of the smaller cottage at 2005 Scenic Drive, which features stonework and a mantle bearing the face of a Viking, warranting additional research into this fanciful complex along Lake Austin. The property also resembles other stone homes at 2008, 2102, and 2105 Scenic Drive, clearly reflecting a development pattern in this area.

Urnite Company was established as early as 1927. An ad for the company in 1929 stated that they manufactured "permanent rustic features made to order," including fountains, birdbaths, benches, and other fixed and moveable objects similar to those seen in the landscape at 2002 Scenic Drive. A 1929 newspaper article in the Austin American describes the Urnite Company employing a "special Spanish process" to create a faux-wood effect out of tinted concrete that its staff learned from Mexican artisans. This technique is almost certainly that of *faux bois* or *trabajo rústico*. *Faux bois* (French for "false wood") is a technique in which concrete structures resemble rustic wood or pieces of fallen or decaying trees. The material thus gives the impression of being malleable and organic in form.

In Austin, the most prominent example of *faux bois* is the Briones House on E. 7th Street, colloquially known as *Casa de Sueños*. It was designed and built by Mexican artisan and builder Genaro P. Briones and completed in 1947. Briones worked with Mexican-born builder Dionicio Rodriguez, known for his masterful designs and artistic techniques. He was best known for his expertise in concrete *faux bois*, a style he learned while in Mexico. Rodriguez most frequently used the *faux bois* technique in footbridges, benches, and shelters. The influence of his work is quite evident in Briones' home, particularly the outdoor furniture Genaro constructed for his own terrace and grotto. This method of applying tinted and sculpted stucco to reinforced concrete was not common in Texas, which makes Rodriguez's and Briones' constructions all the more unique.

In addition to describing the Urnite Company's work in manufacturing objects made of tinted concrete, and referencing Rodriguez' work in San Antonio's Brackenridge Park, the 1929 Austin American article mentioned that the Urnite Company was conducting work on the Delisle House that would create a "woodland scene" once completed. While further investigation is needed to determine the exact relationship between this work and the current conditions at 2002 Scenic Drive, the documentation suggests that the property is likely home to the earliest known example of the *faux bois* technique in Austin, predating the Briones House by nearly twenty years.

Historical Association:

Based on our initial research, Raymond Delisle appears to have been a prominent businessman involved in many ventures. As previously mentioned, he built several houses around Lake Austin and owned an optical business that was operational as early as 1921. He and his wife, Ammon, were socially active and their home on Lake Austin is referenced in newspapers as the "Delisle place" by the late 1920s. He continued to pursue real estate endeavors around Austin into the 1940s and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. He passed away in 1953. Additional research is needed into Raymond Delisle and the Urnite Company to determine if its association is significant.

As the backup report identifies, the property also appears to have significant historical associations with longtime residents CH and Mildred Slator, who purchased the property in 1946. Slator was a prominent local attorney and co-owner of the Tavern circa 1953 and came from a prominent Llano family. The home stayed in the Slator family until 2021. The property is also significant for its association with Fehr & Granger. Established in 1946, Fehr & Granger was one of the first and possibly most influential mid-century modern architectural firms in Austin. They designed a c. 1946-47 addition to the house.

The residence at 2002 Scenic Drive clearly displays a high degree of historic significance worthy of historic designation; however, the story of its association with Raymond Delisle, the Urnite Company, and its application of the *faux bois* technique merits further investigation. We urge the Historic Landmark Commission to allow staff additional time to conduct this research with the ultimate recommendation of individual landmark designation for the property.

Thank you for your service to our community

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Y. Jackson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda Y. Jackson, President

Phil Gilbert

3805 Stevenson Ave.
Austin, Texas 78703

May 3, 2022

City of Austin
Residential Permitting

Re: Objection to Complete Demolition of 2002 Scenic Drive, Austin, Texas

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the complete demolition of the house at 2002 Scenic Drive, Austin.

I live across the street and while a complete demo and new build would no doubt be quicker, it is worth the time and effort to see that the essence of the beautiful, important structure(s) be built upon, not completely torn down.

Austin offers a lot to the imagination. It's that mythology, if you will, that is fueling our growth; it's enticing hundreds of thousands to become new Austinites. That's good. Bob Dylan wrote: "He not busy being born is busy dying." Austin is constantly being born — from the 70's "outlaws" that turned us into "the live music capital of the world" through to the 21st century technologists we are home to today.

Change is good. But we must direct that change into something that is authentic. Something of Austin, not just in Austin. Change for change sake is childish... and change for convenience sake is even worse: it threatens the essence of the Austin ethic that is the wellspring for each renewal.

The house at 2002 Scenic Drive is a great example of that weird, wonderful Austin ethic. It may be one of only a handful of remaining properties with this aesthetic. In fact, Scenic Drive itself is an Austin icon... and on Scenic there's only one other house that achieves the result of the house at 2002 Scenic — and it's The Rock House, right next door. (It also has a colorful history... no doubt when Robert Redford was coming to play at his grandparents' Rock House in those 1950's summers he played with friends next door!)

I won't speak much about the specific architectural and design elements that can never be recreated except to say: why would we destroy these last of a kind works when there is no need? The exterior easily displays its uniqueness. But inside is where the magic truly happens. There are literally dozens of one-of-a-kind design elements that would be destroyed forever, if we allowed a total demolition. If you question their value, then go to the property to see them yourself!

While we want growth, we surely don't want indiscriminate and undifferentiated mansions that inspire nothing more than calculations of price per square foot and "oh my gosh what a view."

If you buy a property with this beauty, history and landmark location I would hope you pay homage to it, restoring and renovating it into a modern expression of itself. I hope the house at 2002 Scenic is restored and renovated into a new architectural masterpiece that will inspire citizens 100 years from today to fight for it, as we fight for this 100 year old masterpiece.

I strongly urge the City to reject the complete demolition of 2002 Scenic Drive. I also urge the City to approve any limited demolition only with simultaneous approval of the new home to be built, so that the essence of the property can be assured, prior to the demo of the old one.

Sincerely yours,


/s/ Phil Gilbert

cc: Mayor Pro-Tem Alison Alter

Allen, Amber


From: Collins, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:01 PM
To: Allen, Amber
Subject: FW: C14H-2002-0099

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Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 12:43 PM
To: Collins, Kimberly <Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov>
Subject: C14H-2002-0099

*** External Email - Exercise Caution ***

Dear Kimberly,

My husband and I mailed the forms stating our support of rezoning 2002 Scenic. However, in case the mail doesn't arrive by the deadline, we would like to state it here also.

Thank you,

Tracy and Jay Thomas

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On Thu, Aug 4, 2022 at 8:54 AM gari wier [REDACTED] wrote:

Use your power to leave 2022 scenic drive at its original place... it's what makes my city of 68 years a desirable place.

It is admired greatly and once it's gone history will be demolished.

Sincerely

GARI WIER

Sent from my iPhone

icious and/or phishing email, please forward this email to cybersecurity@austintexas.gov.

Allen, Amber

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Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 4:17 PM
To: Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>
Subject: FW: 2002 Scenic Drive



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From: Steve Luning [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 6:27 PM
To: Collins, Kimberly <Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov>
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive

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Dear Ms. Collins, \$

I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). **I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.** \$

I live across the street from 2002 Scenic Drive and have owned my house since 2006 and, through the years, I have appreciated the uniqueness of the house inside and out. The view from my house, and from the street, provides glimpses of the lake and a view of Tarrytown's history. It is significant that 2002 Scenic Drive was and is the anchor point for the immediate neighborhood. If this property is not protected, it's likely to be replaced by multiple large houses to maximize the value of the owner's investment.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Steve Luning
[REDACTED]

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Allen, Amber

From: Collins, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Allen, Amber
Subject: FW: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)



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To: Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>
Subject: FW: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)



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From: Laura Des Enfants <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Collins, Kimberly <Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov>
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)

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Dear Kimberly,

As the city of Austin grows we are undergoing many changes—mostly good ones. That said it is important during this growth spurt to preserve our architectural history in all neighborhoods to ensure we don't end up with a neighborhood like Penn Station in NYC.

I am writing specifically about 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I really want you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

I have lived within two blocks of the 2002 Scenic Drive since 2013. If this property is not protected, it's likely to be replaced by multiple large houses to maximize the value of the owner's investment. While that may be good for the property owner it's not good for this neighborhood nor for the preservation and architectural history of Austin.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Best,

Laura Des Enfants
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:04 PM
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From: Lisa Gilbert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Collins, Kimberly <Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov>
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)

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Dear Kimberly,

I am writing you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I support the Historic Planning Commissions unanimous recommendation to make this home a historic landmark. I am a neighbor, and my home was originally a fishing cabin built about the same time as this house. The corner of Scenic Drive and Stevenson Avenue has six of these old fishing cabins/stone houses remaining. Most have been modified like this home, but all have keep a portion of the stone cabins intact. If the previous family, who owned this property for 50 plus years had applied for Historic Landmark Status they surely would have received it with no questions asked.

I understand why the new owners purchased the property, it has a beautiful view. But, the unique stone carvings both inside and out are truly special along with two interesting buildings could make this property one of the first "keep Austin Weird" houses. This house helps to keep our neighborhood feel like old Austin. And another large modern house will only scream we have money, while the entire community will lose a bit of Austin's history and character. I ask that you support the Historic Planning Commissions recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Thank you.

Lisa Gilbert
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Case Number: C14H-2022-0099

Contact: Kimberly Collins, (512) 978-1801

Public Hearing: Aug 09, 2022, Planning Commission

Marcia Evers

Your Name (please print)

☒ I am in favor
☐ I object

Your address(es) affected by this application (optional)

Marcia Evers

Signature

30 July 2022
Date

Daytime Telephone (optional):

Comments:

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Kimberly Collins

P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767

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Allen, Amber

From: Collins, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Allen, Amber
Subject: FW: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)



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To: Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>
Subject: FW: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)

From: John Falvey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 2:18 PM
To: Collins, Kimberly <Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov>
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)

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Dear Ms. Collins, the letter below was emailed to Planning Commissioners yesterday.
Sincerely,
John Falvey

I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

I have lived within two blocks of the 2002 Scenic Drive since 1991. Throughout this period I have appreciated looking at the buildings and grounds of this unique property. The view from the street with glimpses of the lake conjures the old, tranquil Austin and anchors the immediate neighborhood. If this property is not protected, it's likely to be replaced by multiple large houses to maximize the value of the owner's investment.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Thank You,
John Falvey

Sent from my iPad

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I have lived within two blocks of the 2002 Scenic Drive since 2001. Throughout this time, our family has marveled at this unique property and always wondered who owned and built it. The view from the street, with Lake Austin in the background, is reminiscent the old, tranquil Austin and is one of the few remnants of some of the unique remaining architecture in the neighborhood. It would be unfortunate if this property is not protected. The likelihood it will to be replaced by a single McMansion or multiple large houses to maximize the value of the owner's investment would be tragic and disruptive to the neighborhood for years to come.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration in saving this amazing property.

Mark and Stefanie Hernandez

[REDACTED]

August 4, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case# C14H-2022-0099)

I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

I have lived in a neighborhood adjacent to this property for over 18 years. I walk often and have enjoyed the presence of this lovely property on numerous occasions. The view from the street with glimpses of the lake call to mind the spirit of the heart of old Austin and its tranquil scenes. If this property is not protected, it is, in all probability, doomed to be replaced by soulless multiple large houses to maximize the value of the owner's investment.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of this unique place.

Respectfully,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

From: Alison Tartt
To: BC-Claire.Hemple@austintexas.gov; [Cohen, Jessica - BC](#); BC-Carman.Llanes@austintexas.gov; [Howard, Patrick - BC](#); [Praxis, Solvej - BC](#); BC-Jeffery.Thompson@austintexas.gov; [Mushtaler, Jennifer - BC](#); [Cox, Grayson - BC](#); [Shaw, Todd - BC](#); [Schneider, Robert - BC](#); [Flores, Yvette - BC](#); [Azhar, Awais - BC](#); [Anderson, Greg - BC](#); BC-James.Sheih@austintexas.gov; [District10](#); [Collins, Kimberly](#)
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 6:29:50 AM

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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

This letter concerns 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I'm writing to urge the Planning Commission to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the property's zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

Saving this property from the wrecking ball would give well-deserved recognition to the neighborhood contributions of Raymond M. Delisle, a figure little known to most Austinites today but a prominent and enterprising "hobbyist builder / developer" in his day. With no formal training in architecture or landscape design, Delisle built sixteen rock homes in this Laurel Heights neighborhood between the late 1920s and the onset of World War II. The first and most impressive of these was his home at 2002 Scenic. Most of his other houses have regrettably been razed or undergone modifications that have obscured their original character.

Protecting the distinctive structures and landscaping at 2002 Scenic would demonstrate that historic preservation is not simply about "George Washington Slept Here"; it is about fulfilling a community's obligations of stewardship as well as exercising the wisdom and foresight to defend aesthetic values against monetary considerations for the benefit of future generations. The property is not simply a beautiful example of extraordinarily imaginative craftsmanship in a spectacular setting; it is a truly unique remnant of Austin's prewar lake culture.

This letter is not prompted by nostalgia for Old Austin's disappearing bungalows or animosity toward McMansions. It is written based on my experience of exploring the property several times in the spring (before trespassing was discouraged). I encountered many other visitors who were also roaming the buildings and grounds, and we all felt deep sadness over the possibility that this irreplaceable creation could be destroyed.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation.

Sincerely,
Alison Tartt

Alison Tartt




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From: Kate Kyle
To: [Collins, Kimberly](#)
Subject: Zoning Case# C14H-2022-0099
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:46:15 AM

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Hi - I am writing to support this case to rezone 2002 Scenic Drive to a Historic Landmark. I live on Matthews and took care to remodel my house to keep within the style, design and uniqueness of the neighborhood. It is what makes Austin, Austin to have these properties that reflect the character and history of the neighborhood over time.

Thanks for your support and hard work.

Regards,

Kate Kyle

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Case Number: C14H-2022-0099

Contact: Kimberly Collins, (512) 978-1801

Public Hearing: Aug 09, 2022, Planning Commission

Kevin Koeller

Your Name (please print)

[REDACTED]

Your address(es) affected by this application (optional)

Kevin Koeller

Signature

7/31/2022

Date

Daytime Telephone (optional):

Comments: I agree it should be a

historic landmark.

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Kimberly Collins

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Esta petición de zonificación / rezonificación será repasada y acción será tomada de acuerdo a dos audiencias públicas: ante la Comisión de Usos Urbanos y el cabildo municipal. Aunque solicitantes y/o sus(s) agente(s) se les requiere atender la audiencia pública, usted no esta bajo requisito de atender. De todos modos, si usted atiende la audiencia pública, tendrá la oportunidad de hablar a FAVOR o EN CONTRA al proposito desarrollo urbano o cambio de zonificación. Usted también puede contactar a una organización de protección al medio ambiente u organización de vecinos que haya expresado interés en la aplicación teniendo implicaciones a su propiedad.

Durante la audiencia pública, la comisión podría postergar o continuar audiencia del caso en una fecha futura, o puede evaluar la recomendación de los oficiales municipales y las del público al mismo tiempo mandando su recomendación al cabildo municipal. Si la comisión anuncia una fecha y hora específica para postergar o continuar discusión, y no se extiende más de 60 días, no tendrá obligación de otra notificación pública.

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Numero de caso: C14H-2022-0099

Persona designada: Kimberly Collins, (512) 978-1801

Audiencia Publica: Aug 09, 2022, Planning Commission

Su nombre (en letra de molde)

☐ I am in favor
☐ I object

Su domicilio(s) afectado(s) por esta solicitud (opcional)

Firma

Fecha

Número de teléfono durante el día (opcional): _____

Comments: _____

Si usted usa esta forma para proveer comentarios, puede retornarlos:

City of Austin, Housing & Planning Department

Kimberly Collins

P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767

O por correo electrónico a:

Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov

From: Ila Falvey
To: [Collins, Kimberly](#)
Subject: Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:15:30 PM

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I support historic designation for the property located at 2002 Scenic drive. The property serves as an anchor to the "mini historic historic district" of rock houses representative of Austin's early history.

This unique property should be respected, not demolished.

For the above reasons I am in favor of changing the designation to SF-3-NP-H.

Sincerely,
Ila Falvey

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To: [Collins, Kimberly](#)
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive. Case #C14H-2022-0099
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 6:42:17 PM

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I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

I lived at 2002 Scenic Dr. for eight years, (1996-2002). This home has a unique history in the growth of Austin. 100+- years ago it was being built when Scenic was a dirt track and entry to the home was from the lake. This house is the finest one out of the collection of six or so 'stone houses' up and down the block. I conducted many oral histories with the owners of the stone houses and know tearing down 2002 Scenic would mean the loss of a family legacy as well as the remarkable structure. What a pity.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Regards,
Alison Hanks



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From: Alison Hanks
To: [Collins, Kimberly](#)
Subject: 2002 Scenic Dr. Case #C14H-2022-0099
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:06:20 PM

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I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

I enjoyed living there from 1996-2002. This is a unique part of Austin. Please don't let it be lost!

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Regards,
Alison Hanks



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From: Debbie Gillan
To: [Collins, Kimberly](#)
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:52:28 PM
Attachments: [Whellan rebuttal.pdf](#)
[Certified return receipt Whellan.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Dear Ms. Collins:

I was gratefully distressed to learn that a Mr. Michael Whellan had made multiple disparaging remarks about my father, C H Slator, in public testimony recently given before the Austin Historic Landmark Commission concerning the property at Scenic Drive. This testimony and articles relating to the property have subsequently been published and distributed to the general public in Austin and elsewhere.

I am attaching a copy of my letter to Michael Whellan with return receipt attached demanding that Whellan "cease and desist" from any and all erroneous and disparaging racial "hate speech" directed at my father or the Slator Family name. I am disgusted and repulsed that anyone would stoop to such hideous tactics to try to make "a point."

Therefore, I am requesting that the attached letter and receipt confirmation be placed in the public record to rebut Whellan's false accusations regarding C H Slator and the Slator family name. I would appreciate confirmation that has been done.

Thank you,

Deborah Slator Gillan

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Case Number: C14H-2022-0099

Contact: Kimberly Collins, (512) 978-1801

Public Hearing: Aug 09, 2022, Planning Commission

TRACY THOMAS

Your Name (please print)

Your address(es) affected by this application (optional)

Signature

Date

Daytime Telephone (optional):

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Your Name (please print)

☒ I am in favor
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From: birgit birgite.

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 1:03 PM

To: Schneider, Robert - BC <BC-Robert.Schneider@austintexas.gov>; Shaw, Todd - BC <BC-Todd.Shaw@austintexas.gov>; Howard, Patrick - BC <BC-Patrick.Howard@austintexas.gov>; Praxis, Solveij - BC <BC-Solveij.Praxis@austintexas.gov>; Cox, Grayson - BC <BC-Grayson.Cox@austintexas.gov>; Mushtaler, Jennifer - BC <BC-Jennifer.Mushtaler@austintexas.gov>; Llanes, Carmen - BC <bc-Carmen.Llanes@austintexas.gov>; Cohen, Jessica - BC <BC-Jessica.Cohen@austintexas.gov>; Flores, Yvette - BC <bc-Yvette.Flores@austintexas.gov>; Azhar, Awais - BC <BC-Awais.Azhar@austintexas.gov>; Anderson, Greg - BC <bc-Greg.Anderson@austintexas.gov>; Shieh, James - BC <bc-James.Shieh@austintexas.gov>; Singh, Arati - BC <BC-Arati.Singh@austintexas.gov>; Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>; Collins, Kimberly <Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov>; District10 <District10@austintexas.gov>

Subject: re: C141H-2022-0099 SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE

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I am in favor of the proposed zoning change to SF-NP-H for the property at 2002 Scenic Drive.

This property is unique to Austin and should remain a landmark property for future generations. I lived a block away for many years and was fortunate to attend parties there when Whit Hanks rented the property from the Slator's. It's a time capsule of early Austin.

My son, who is a stone carver, woodworker and artist commented that many of the staircases on the property are carved into the rocks cascading down the hill. Very unusual to see that quality of workmanship these days. The entire property, with the triangular pool, changing rooms, greenhouse, stone bridge, pathways and numerous stone buildings, is a community treasure. The property should be restored and preserved.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Birgit Enstrom

From: Steve Luning

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 10:50 AM

To: Robert.Schneider@austintexas.gov; todd.shaw@austintexas.gov; Patrick.Howard@austintexas.gov; Solveij.Praxis@austintexas.gov; Grayson.Cox@austintexas.gov; Jennifer.Mushtaler@austintexas.gov; Carmen.Llanes@austintexas.gov; Jessica.Cohen@austintexas.gov; Yvette.Flores@austintexas.gov; Awais.Azhar@austintexas.gov; Greg.Anderson@austintexas.gov; James.Shieh@austintexas.gov; Arati.Singh@austintexas.gov; Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>

Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive

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I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). **I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.**

I live across the street from 2002 Scenic Drive and have owned my house since 2006 and, through the years, I have appreciated the uniqueness of the house inside and out. The view from my house, and from the street, provides glimpses of the lake and a view of Tarrytowns history. It is significant that 2002 Scenic Drive was and is the anchor point for the immediate neighborhood. If this property is not protected, it's likely to be replaced by multiple large houses to maximize the value of the owner's investment.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Steve Luning
2005 Scenic Dr, Austin, TX 78703

This message is from Susie Mauldin.

Dear Mr. Rivera,

I am trying to pass along my support of the historic zoning for the above mentioned property on Scenic Drive. As a long time citizen of Austin, I am alarmed at the rapid pace with which we are losing the beautiful and historic homes that make up the unique fabric of Austin. This property has a rich history and architectural significance.

Could you please be sure that The Planning Commissioners are aware of my support for historic designation, and that I firmly oppose demolition of the Austin jewel?

Thank you in advance for your help.

Susie Mauldin
Alameda Dr.
Austin, Texas

From: Ila Falvey <
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Collins, Kimberly <Kimberly.Collins@austintexas.gov>
Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive C14H-2022-0099

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31 July 2022

Re: Case # C 14H-2022-0099 (2002 Scenic Drive)

I am writing in support of the Historic Landmark Commission's recommendation that the property at 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099) be designated as a historic landmark and that the zoning be changed to SF-NP-H. The beautiful and unique buildings and their incredible landscaping are not only among the oldest surviving dwellings in Tarrytown but represent some of the last contributing members to a now forgotten lakeside community from the early twentieth century. The whimsical, eclectic style of the complex is truly rare across modern Austin, and that alone should cement its historic landmark status. In nearly a half-century of professional historic preservation and cultural resource studies across Texas, I have truly never seen a comparable suite of constructions and can say that during my long career, I have rarely seen a property more deserving of landmark status protections. This century-old eclectic structure must be saved as a part of Austin's history.

Growing up in Austin, I have watched the city's rich and diverse historic architectural heritage disappear at an alarming rate over the past decades, and I fear the Austin that I and my generation remember will soon be gone forever, a victim of greed and historical ignorance. Such buildings cannot be replaced, and even worse, the spirit of the tiny lakeside rock house community is growing dimmer by the year. When do we stop bulldozing our community? When can we stand up and say enough is enough? Will we let disingenuous and patently false statements by uncaring developers sway our resolve, saying what's one more old house lost if we could make a few dollars here or there. I say it is enough today. Please help to save Austin's past. Save our town's disappearing soul. What do you want the Austin of the future to be? Isn't this just the kind of materialization of the history of our great city that we should be preserving for our children and grandchildren? I pray you will make the correct decision here and thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David O. Brown, Ph.D.

Research Fellow

Texas Archeological Research Laboratory

The University of Texas at Austin

Resident of Tarrytown and nearby West Austin for 16 years

Resident of Austin for 63 years



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August 20, 2022

RE: Item #19 C14H-2022-0099, 2002 Scenic Drive

Dear Chair Shaw and Members of the Planning Commission,

On behalf of the West Austin Neighborhood Group Board of Directors, I write to convey our unanimous support for historic zoning at 2002 Scenic Drive.

The home and landscaping at 2002 Scenic Dr. has long been known to our neighborhood as the "Rock House," possessing significant historical architecture and community value in the West Austin Neighborhood Group area. The unique materials used in the construction of this home, the artistic stone features, and location next to Lake Austin make this special home part of the cultural identity of our neighborhood and our city. This was one of the earliest homes built in the neighborhood, dating back to 1923. The stone work resembles several other stone cottages and homes built near Lake Austin during this time period, but this home is truly unique because of it's combination of art, architecture, materials, landscaping and historical associations.

The West Austin Neighborhood Group has heard an outpouring from neighbors and historic experts who support the preservation of 2002 Scenic Drive. Our neighborhood is one of the oldest in the City of Austin, and yet we have had more residential demolition permits issued between 2010 and 2021 than most other areas of our City. Demolition is destroying Austin's identity, and the only way to save it is to listen to the community, and support the recommendations of the Historic Landmark Commission.

Demolishing the property at 2002 Scenic Drive would be a tragic loss of history to our neighborhood and our City. We respectfully ask that the Planning Commission support the unanimous recommendation of Austin's Historic Landmark Commission, the City Staff, and the West Austin Neighborhood Group, to change the zoning at 2002 Scenic Drive from SF-3-NP to SF-3-H-NP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Holly Reed, President
West Austin Neighborhood
Group