# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION APRIL 22, 2013 NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT NRD-2013-0022 Old West Austin 1202 Claire Avenue

## PROPOSAL

Construct a two-story rear addition to a contributing house.

### PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The existing house is a c. 1940 approximately 2,100 sq. ft., two-story house, with a side-gabled roof. Although the house has very little ornamentation, it does have some references to colonial revival style such the multi-paned windows. The house has an offset front door with a stoop covered by a flat roof supported by decorative metal columns. There is a large bay window on the first floor with a flared, copper-covered roof, and decorative fascia. The house has horizontal siding and an asphalt shingled roof.

The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 1,700 sq. ft. two-story addition at the rear of the house. The addition will have a rear facing gabled roof with a ridge line at the same height of the existing house, and side walls set slightly in from the side walls of the existing house. The second floor at the rear will cantilever over a lower porch and will be supported by squared columns. The siding and roofing materials on the addition will match the existing house.

There are no changes proposed to the front or side elevations.

# STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The existing property is contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. Applicable general design review guidelines state:

- The distinguishing original qualities or character of a property and its environment shall not be destroyed. Removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided.
- All properties shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations which
  have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be
  discouraged.
- Changes which have taken place in the course of time may have acquired significance in their own right, and shall be recognized and respected.
- Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a property shall be treated with sensitivity.
- Whenever, possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would not be impaired.

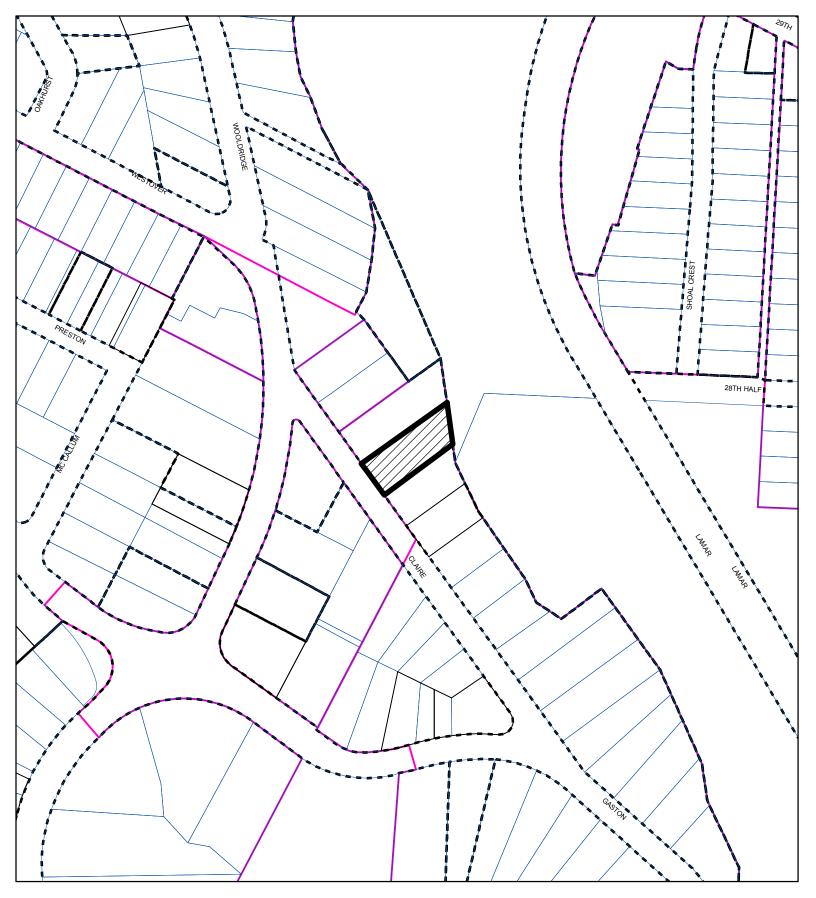
The rear addition will be minimally visible from the street and does not detract from the historic character of the house. Additionally, the side walls of the addition are set in from the existing house, differentiating it from the original house.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit per the proposed design.





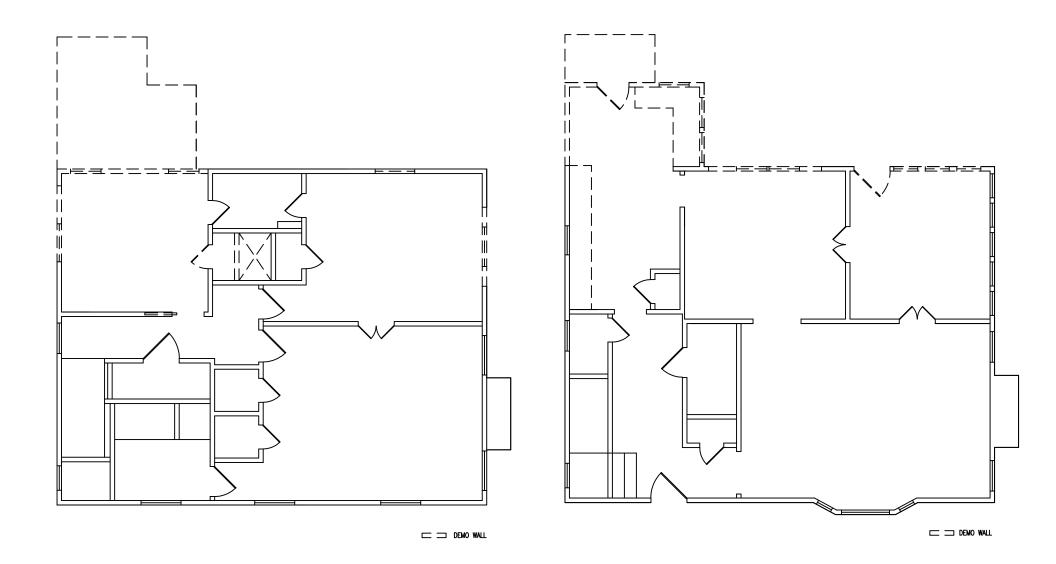




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