

CANPAC

Central Austin Neighborhoods Planning Area Committee

July 10, 2013

Chair Laurie Limbacher and Commissioners
Historic Landmark Commission
City of Austin
Post Office Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-8865
Sent via E-mail

Re: C14H-1989-0010, Dabney-Horne House, 507 W. 23rd Street

Dear Chair Limbacher and Commissioners:

The Plan Team for the Central Austin Combined Neighborhoods Plan (CANPAC) appreciates the postponement of the above case so that we could review it and express our position. At our regular meeting on June 17, 2013 we voted unanimously to oppose removal of the Historic Landmark Dabney-Horne House because it violates promises the owners made that the building would remain in place when the zoning was changed to GO in 1991. Furthermore, relocation of the building would also be contrary to the University Neighborhood Overlay of the CANPAC Plan, which declared the importance of retaining as many historic structures as possible while authorizing high-rise dense development in that area.

Placing the house in a neighborhood in East Austin where its architecture would blend in might seem a good idea, but the historic designation was based on two individuals whose prominence was rooted in the University of Texas and Austin Presbyterian Seminary institutions, located in the immediate vicinity of the house.

We urge you to deny the application for removal. Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Nuria Zaragoza and Adam Stephens, Co-Chairs
CANPAC Plan Team

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Eastwoods Association, Hancock Neighborhood Association, Heritage Neighborhood Association, North University Neighborhood Association, Shoal Crest Neighborhood Association, Caswell Heights Neighborhood Association, and University Area Partners