



HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Monday, March 9, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
One Texas Center, Room 325
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

____ *Laurie Limbacher, Chair*
____ *Andrea Roberts*
____ *Dan Leary*
____ *Mary Jo Galindo*

____ *John Rosato, Vice-Chair*
____ *Leslie Wolfenden Guidry*
____ *Terri Myers*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first three speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 26, 2015

III. BRIEFINGS

None

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC ZONING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONING APPLICATIONS, and REQUESTS TO CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF A HISTORIC ZONING CASE

1. C14H-2013-0005 – CASE WITHDRAWN

Old Judges' Hill Local Historic District

Roughly bounded by West Avenue on the east, 15th Street on the south, Shoal Creek Boulevard on the west, and W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the north.

Applicants: Bob Swaffar and Mark Seeger, Old Judge's Hill Historic District Committee

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: No action required. The case has been withdrawn.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. C14H-1978-0035 – Jacoby-Pope Building

200 E. 6th Street

Proposal: Signage for Eureka!

Applicant: Texas Custom Signs

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Not reviewed

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed. The applicant has taken the direction of staff and the Commission and revised the proposal in accordance with the Sign Standards.

2. C14H-1978-0038 – Paramount Theater

713 Congress Avenue

Proposal: Reproduce and re-erect the historic Paramount Theater blade sign.

Applicant: Valenzuela Preservation Studio

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval as proposed.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

3. C14H-2004-0007 – Steck House

305 E. 34th Street

Proposal: Demolish an outbuilding, garage, and carport, and construct four new duplexes on the site.

Applicant: Cater Joseph

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: Revise the site plan so that the Steck House remains the focal point of the site.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

C. REVIEW OF PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

1 NRD-2014-0075

3412 Happy Hollow (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Construct a new house.

Applicant: Paul M. Smith

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Reduce the scale of the house to be more in line with the character of the district remove the transom-like windows, and perhaps use more of a mix of materials, especially wood or cement fiber board to temper the apparent vastness of the stonework and scale of the house.

2. NRD-2014-0078

1631 Palma Plaza (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Construct a new house.

Applicant: Morris Yates

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454
Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

3. NRD-2014-0140

75 Rainey Street (Rainey Street)

Proposal: Relocate a ca 1904 house to an as-yet unspecified location.

Applicant: Maria Bernhardt

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Release the relocation permit once the proposed location is finalized and upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package; also encourage the applicant to give further thought to retaining the house on-site to maintain a higher degree of integrity for the Rainey Street Historic District.

4. NRD-2015-0009

422 Congress Avenue (Congress Avenue)

Proposal: Construct a rooftop deck.

Applicant: Jim Herbert

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the applicant conform to the setbacks set forth in the Downtown Austin Plan and the historic district Architectural Standards and set the proposed deck back at least 15 feet from the wall of the building.

5. NRD-2015-0024

823 Congress Avenue (Congress Avenue)

Proposal: Reconfigure the existing retail stall.

Applicant: Ian Ellis, MF Architecture

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR DEMOLITION OR RELOCATION

1. HDP-2014-1083

1611 Walnut Avenue

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1925 house.

Applicant: MX3 Homes

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation:

2. HDP-2014-1088

1632 S. 1st Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1908 house.

Applicant: DAR Construction

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

3. HDP-2014-1117

1409 Canterbury Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1909 house.

Applicant: Pecan Valley Homes

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Either postpone to February 23, 2015 or initiate historic zoning to enable the applicant to consider alternatives to demolition.

4. HDP-2014-1147

1708 Vista Lane

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

Applicant: IDM Builders

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and additions rather than demolition, but if the Commission votes to release the demolition permit, then recommend that the applicant complete a City of Austin Documentation Package prior to release of the permit.

5. HDP-2015-0002

1805 Lightsey Road

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1932 house.

Applicant: John R. Nelson, Lightsey II

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: No recommendation, but if the Commission releases the demolition permit, then staff recommends that the applicant complete a City of Austin Documentation Package prior to the release of any permits.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT CASES.

1. DBN-2014-0001 – 907, 909, and 911 Congress Avenue.

The applicant is proposing a Certificate of Appropriateness for work to the facades and will meet with the Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee on March 9, 2015.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Certificates of Appropriateness Review Committee**
- B. Operations Committee**
- C. Grants Committee**
- D. Preservation Plan Committee**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Items from Commission**
- B. Items from Staff**

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