

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015  
NRD-2015-0099  
700 Congress Avenue  
Congress Avenue Historic District**

**PROPOSAL**

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Install an art piece at the roofline of the building at 700 Congress Avenue (the Contemporary Jones Center art museum) for a 3-year display.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The applicant proposes to install an art sculpture by Jim Hodges at the top of the building parapet walls along both the 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue facades of the building. The sculpture will read “With Liberty and Justice for All” and will consist of 7-foot letters that will be internally lit.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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The proposed art installation does not constitute a sign as it does not advertise any business or product; the City’s Historic District Sign Guidelines would not apply to this application. The installation is temporary – it will be up for a maximum of 3 years after its proposed installation in October, 2015. The building is not contributing to the Congress Avenue Historic District. In the past, the Commission has reviewed applications for street art and other art installations on Congress Avenue, such as the art guitars, relative to their impact to the individual buildings and the context of the district, as there are no design guidelines or other criteria that are applicable to situations such as this.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the approval of the art sculpture. While it is large, it is temporary, and the building that it will be installed on is an art museum.