

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2015**  
NRD-2015-0121  
WestLine National Register District  
906 Robertson Street

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**PROPOSAL**

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Construct a rear three story additions and carport on a contributing house. The addition will include a basement level, street level, and second story addition.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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The house is a circa 1920 front gabled bungalow. The building is a frame one story house with a bracketed front gabled entrance/door hood, exposed rafter tails, and decorative brackets in the gable front. It has original 3 over 1 windows.

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**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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Construct a 3 story addition with a basement level, street level and second story addition. The plans take advantage of the change in grade on the lot by building a basement level and carport below the grade of the current house. The additions will be set back from the front of the house to maintain the existing street presence. The siding on the addition will match the siding of the existing house and will be using double hung windows that match the scale of the original window son the house as well. The second story addition will have a couple of gable fronts. They will have detailing with brackets and exposed rafter beams to match the front gable on the front of the house.

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**HISTORY**

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The 1920 craftsman bungalow was first owned by Alvin J. Goodwin and his wife Ethel. They lived in the house for almost 60 years together until his death in 1958. Alvin was a salesman working mostly as a door-to-door salesman, also known as a huckster, as well as a produce salesman. Ethel continued living in the house for another decade until her death in 1969.

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**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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This property is within the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. The Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation is below:

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.

3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
8. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

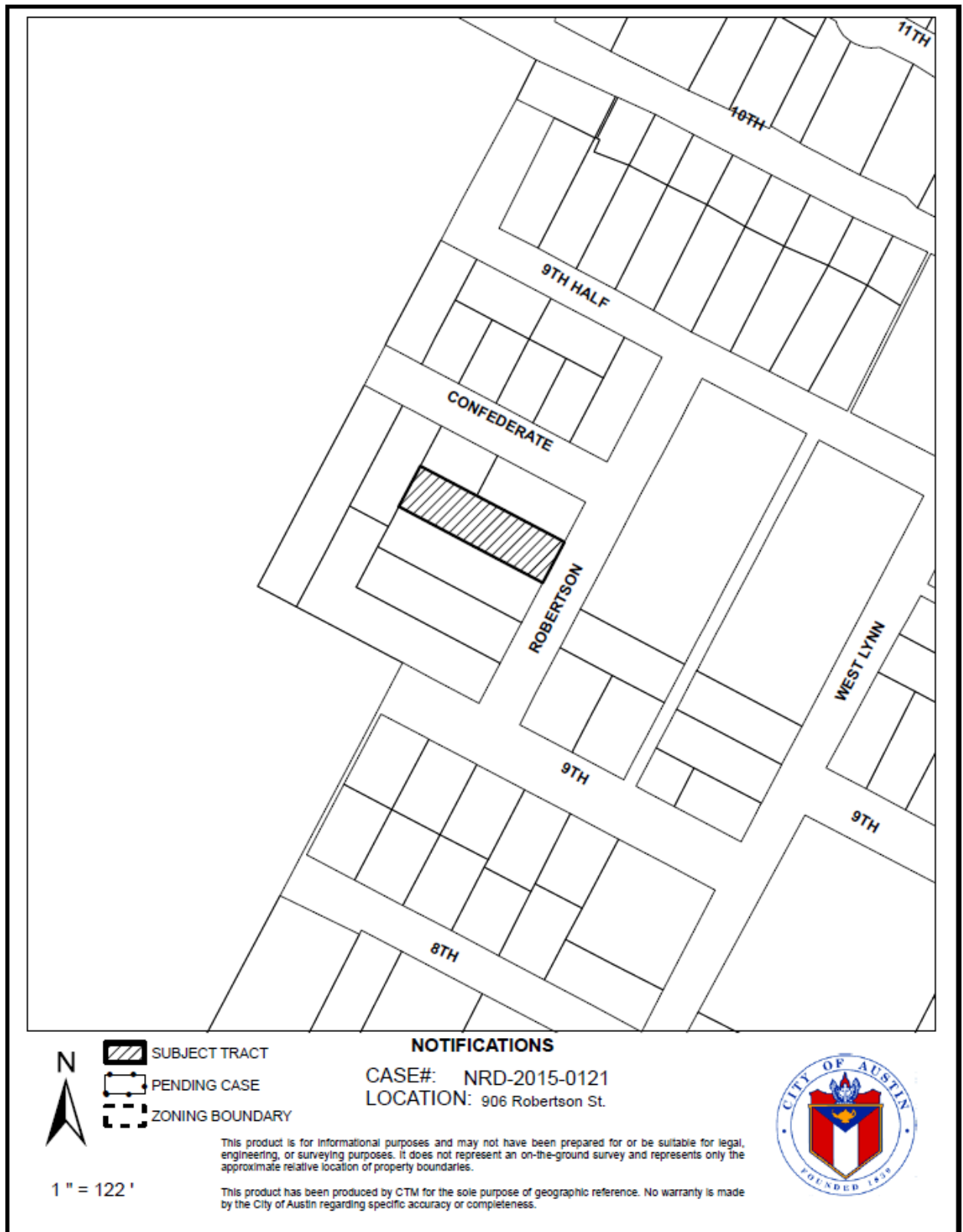
#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the application as submitted. The changes that are being proposed are on the rear of the house and take advantage of the natural grade on the property to increase the size of the house without overwhelming the original house. This addition is a sympathetic addition. The design of the addition is in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

#### **LOCATION MAP**

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906 Robertson Street

Circa 1920



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
November, 2015

1992	Molly Napper, renter No occupation
1985-86	Gail Morton, Owner astrologer
1981	Gail Morton, Owner astrologer
1977	V. Musgrove, Owner Not listed
1973	Vacant
1968	Mrs. Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Widow of A.J.
1962	Mrs. Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Widow of A.J.

1959	Mrs. Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Widow of Alvin J.
1955	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Produce salesman
1952	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Produce salesman
1949	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Produce salesman
1947	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Produce salesman
1944-45	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Market grocer
1941	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner huckster
1939	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Retail producer
1937	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner huckster
1935	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Huckster
1932-22	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Huckster
1930-31	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner huckster
1929	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner Huckster
1927	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner huckster
1924	Alvin J. and Ethel M. Goodwin, Owner huckster