
THE NORWOOD PROJECT

Phase 2

Update to Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee

Review #1 of Norwood Phase 2

Historic Landmark Commission - City of Austin

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The Norwood Project - Phase 2 Overview

The Norwood Park Foundation, a Texas 501(c)3 nonprofit, is continuing its multi-year effort, in public/private partnership with the City of Austin, to return the historic, city-owned Norwood House to a usable public park asset. This endeavor will be accomplished in two steps - Phase 1 and Phase 2 - which will culminate in a final and enduring Operations Phase.

Phase 1 of the Norwood Project was completed by NPF in 2015. It consisted of work that - while very substantial - remained within the realm of maintenance and stabilization.* As a result of Phase 1:

- the formerly severely-deteriorated Norwood House has been environmentally remediated, restored to its exact original location, shored up and stabilized on a newly-engineered foundation drilled to bedrock. In addition, we accomplished:
- very significant work to improve the health of the site's many heritage oak trees
- site work to remove vegetative overgrowth and restore the historic view from the cliff
- a subject historical marker for Norwood Park, to be set at a future date, and
- overall schematic design of the project, with architectural renderings

Phase 2 of the Norwood Project is now beginning. Phase 2 will accomplish:

- the complete restoration of the Norwood House itself
- rehabilitation of the surrounding grounds, gardens, & historic site features
- construction of new accessory structures
- construction of parking, sidewalks, and changes to ingress & egress,

and all other aspects essential to successful operation of the Norwood House as a premier, nonprofit & self-sustaining event rental venue and public meeting space.

Landmark Commission Oversight

Because the Norwood House is a City of Austin Landmark, the Historic Landmark Commission has authority over the project. NPF will work with the City's Historic Preservation Office and the Commission to obtain the required Certificate of Appropriateness before we commence Phase 2 construction.

Our goal in meeting with the Review Committee today is to:

- review any accomplishments from Phase 1, if desired
- present schematic design plans & renderings for general consideration and feedback
- discuss particular aspects that we've already flagged as possibly problematic

Today's appearance before the Review Committee is our first of Phase 2.

* Phase 1 completion documents, photos, & completed site work plans have been provided to staff