

Commissioners:

In regard to the pending application for a permit to demolish the house at 405 W. 14th, I hope you'll support staff's recommendation of a postponement to allow full evaluation of alternatives to demolition.

I have lived in the Old Austin neighborhood for over 26 years. Since 2002 I have lived at 1310 San Antonio, about 185 feet west of 405 W. 14th.

Among the many historic buildings in this neighborhood, the house at 405 W. 14th stands out in several important ways. It is especially significant due to its striking integrity, its historic and architectural value, its association with the prominent Tobin family, its location, and its unique contribution to the character of this neighborhood.

I appreciate your service, and I hope you'll appreciate the need to take some additional time for this important case.

Best regards,

Chris Riley
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