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Subject: Landmark status?: 2017-032339 PR - 802 Pressler

Steve, I've read the application for Historic Landmark and I think 802 Pressler should be considered. Below are excerpts from the requirements on the application. I've added comments to support my belief of Landmark status prefaced with [DY]. I'm happy to meet in person or help with research if needed.

Regards,  
Denise

THE FOLLOWING CITY HISTORIC LANDMARK CRITERIA ARE CONSIDERED WHEN REVIEWING A CITY HISTORIC LANDMARK APPLICATION:

The property is at least 50 years old and represents a period of significance of at least 50 years ago [DY] It's a 1920-30's house as documented by the City of Austin.

The property retains a high degree of integrity, as defined by the National Register of Historic Places, that clearly conveys its historical significance and does not include an addition or alteration which has significantly compromised its integrity; [DY] The city of Austin report noted that this is an intact house representative of a bungalow/craftsman style of architecture.

The property is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places; or is designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, State Archeological Landmark, or National Historic Landmark OR demonstrates significance in at least two of the following categories:

(i) Architecture.

[DY] The City of Austin report noted that this is an intact house representative of a bungalow/craftsman style of architecture.

(ii) Historical Associations.

The property represents a significant portrayal of the cultural practices or the way of life of a definable group of people in a historic time.

[DY] The Landmark status seems to focus on whether an important person resided in the house. But the last line of the "historical assoc" section seems to point to another possibility. I think the house represents a way of life. The house was a rental for people who contributor to the City of austin, worked at the Driskill. Its representative of a time period where there was growth of the city westward. The area became more fashionable place to live because of it's accessibility to Austin. It's called the Westline district due to the rail line that used to bring people to this area. So the house is representative of "cultural practices or way of life."

(iv)

Community Value.

The property has a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a neighborhood, or a particular group.

[DY] 802 Pressler has community value as a standalone property due to the items described above. It also has value due to it's proximity to the Pillow Houses (2 Historic Landmark houses at 9th and Pressler) and to the Smoot House (Historic Landmark) which covers the 600 block of Pressler. The trustees have applied for a conditional use

permit to open a homestead Museum. Perhaps there's some historic link of the residents to one of these properties? I think 802 Pressler rounds out a snapshot of the overall historic representation of the area in addition to these other historic properties.