HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

APRIL 23, 2018

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

C14H-1986-0008 Scarbrough Building 522 Congress Avenue

PROPOSAL

Construct a sidewalk patio installation along the Congress Avenue and 6th Street frontages of the building.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the construction of new sidewalk patios along the Congress Avenue and 6th Street frontages of the building. The proposed patios will have modular pavers, steel planters, and modular stone bars and benches attached to the planters with additional seating. Four existing parking spaces on Congress Avenue will be removed for the construction of the sidewalk patios, and existing bike racks and other street furniture will be relocated. The sidewalk patio will also have a sculpture, "Keep ATX Weird" at the southwest corner of 6th Street and Congress Avenue.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such
 addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and
 integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve, with the recommendation that the applicant reconsider the use of steel planters in favor of a material and design more compatible with the historic character of the adjacent Scarbrough Building, or refer the application to the Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee.