HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2018
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1986-0008
Scarbrough Building
522 Congress Avenue

PROPOSAL

Install a sculpture at the southwest corner of 6th Street and Congress Avenue in the right-of-way, as part of a larger project to develop a parklet on the site.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed sculpture will be located in what is now a parking space and will be approximately 12 feet tall. It will read "Keep ATX Weird" and will have a different appearance depending on the angle of view. The Commission has already reviewed and approved other aspects of this project for seating and other amenities.

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

The Committee did not recommend the installation of the sculpture.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation regarding the sculpture. Staff supports the Committee's concept that street features associated with historic buildings should be complementary to the architectural and historic character of the building, but does not necessarily share the committee's vehemence regarding the installation of the sculpture in what is now a parking area adjacent to the building.