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Case Number(s): HDP-2018-0460- 1600 Singleton Avenue

Contact: Andrew Rice, 512-974-1686

Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Sept. 24, 2018

☐ I am in favor

☒ I object

Scott Kentros
Your Name (please print)

1603 Cedar Ave
Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]
Signature

9/24/18
Date

Comments:

The current home should not be demolished because of the historic nature of existing building and the aesthetic appeal to its architecture and its harmony with the existing buildings

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Andrew Rice, Historic Preservation Office

PO Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

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Contact: Andrew Rice, 512-974-1686
Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Sept. 24, 2018

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

Hannah Huckaby 1816 Margaret St. 78704
Your Name (please print) Your address(es) affected by this application
Hannah Huckaby 9-24-2018, 11:18am
Signature Date

Comments: I am concerned about the survival of the beautiful Heritage trees on this property, which include a very large Live Oak that's uniquely old and large.

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Your address(es) affected by this application

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Mireya Orozco & Andrew Sherrell
Your Name (please print)
Your address(es) affected by this application
1806 Dwyer Avenue, Austin, TX 78704
Date 9/22/18
Signature Mireya Orozco Andrew Sherrell

Comments: It is not clear that the Heritage trees on the property—including one of the largest Live Oak trees in Austin (about 16.5 feet in circumference) would be adequately protected. An August 2017 Austin City Auditor report found that the demolition permitting process may not ensure that trees are protected (Demolition Permits p. 7).

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Mireya Orozco & Andrew Sherrill 1806 Dwyer Avenue, Austin, TX 78704
Your Name (please print) Your address(es) affected by this application
Mireya Orozco Andrew Sherrill 9/22/18
Signature Date

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of historic status

☐ I am in favor of historic status

☐ I object

Laurie Curra
Your Name (please print)
1809 Spillman Street
Your address(es) affected by this application

Laurie Curra
Signature

September 24, 2018
Date

The tract of land at 1206 Garner Avenue for demolition should be given a historic landmark status. The structure is over 70 years old. No hope trees are over 100 years old and one live oak is over 400 years old, which makes it among the largest live oaks in Austin. The current home embodies the distinguishing architecture of the neighborhood, being of the type built in the mid 1900's. More importantly, the magnificent trees are landscape features that lend aesthetic, cultural, and the surrounding homes, the neighborhood, and the city as a whole. Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

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LINDA MIZELL 1308 GARNER AVE.
Your Name (please print) Your address(es) affected by this application

Linda Mizell Sept. 23, 2018
Signature Date

Comments: The home itself is one of the original homes in Barton Heights.
It is vastly pre dated by the majestic heritage oaks on the property -
by 100 or 150 years at least Any major construction/destruction on this land must
protect these trees.

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Finally, the Zilker Neighborhood Association requests that the City staff follow the code requirements for hearings on the demolition of historic structures. In this case, we refer to Section 25-11-213 (D) (2) regarding posting of a sign on the site. The building official is required to post a sign on the site at the same time as notification is made to owners, residents, and the registered neighborhood association. The sign for this property appeared less than 48 hours prior to this scheduled hearing. This is another instance of the City failing to follow City code as documented by the August 2017 Audit Report on Demolition Permits.