

## PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice*); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 14 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's historic review process, visit our website:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/historic-preservation>.

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

**Case Number(s): NRD-2018-0068 – 1602 Pease Road**  
**Contact: Andrew Rice, 512-974-1686**  
**Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Nov. 19, 2018**

☐ I am in favor

☒ I object

James Sinclair Black

1605 Pease Rd.

Your Name (*please print*)

Your address(es) affected by this application

Signature

Date

Comments: Please see attached letter! \*

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:  
City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department  
Andrew Rice  
PO Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-0088

November 16, 2018

Please except this letter as my formal objection to the issuance of a demolition permit at 1602 Pease Rd. As a resident of the area, I am keenly aware of the overall pervasive quality of the neighborhood, including the importance of the historic district.

The historic district designation is about the quality of the neighborhood as a whole, the context of building on the street, the overall image of the neighborhood, the consistency of scale and the consistency of the streetscape that is presented to the public. The decisions related to a demolition permit should consider all of these factors, not simply an opinion regarding whether the structure itself (which does not exist in a vacuum) is historic.

If this area is considered a district, it should be judged as a district. Each building should be understood as an integral part of the whole. Please deny the permit.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sinclair Black, 1605 Pease Rd.**

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