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February 14, 2019

Historic Land Mark Commission
c/o Historic Preservation Office
One Texas Center
505 Barton Springs Road, 5th Floor
Austin Texas 78704

Subject: History of Residence at 1400 Winsted Lane, Austin, Texas

My wife and I acquired the residence at 1400 Winsted Lane in 1967, having admired the house and neighborhood and desiring to raise our family there. We continued to live there with our two sons, Brian and Carter, until approximately 2003.

With some minor additions, the house remained as we had acquired it from the original family, who had built it in the 1930's. The neighborhood experienced some change, but for the most part it was a four to six block area with many young families and established residents. During the period of our ownership, the building of Mopac started to take place and with the aid of a number of neighbors, we were all able to persuade the City of Austin that not concreting over Johnson Creek and keeping the east side of Winsted as a green area connecting West Enfield Park to Lady Bird Lake would be the most desirable result. As city hike and bike trails have developed, this has been an important corridor. Additionally, zoning requirements in the West Enfield Subdivision have been monitored and actively supported.

During the time of our ownership, I succeeded Page Keeton as Dean of the University of Texas Law School and my wife and I frequently entertained law school faculty, visitors and foreign dignitaries, including the Chief Justice of Nicaragua. On several occasions, faculty and students from the University of Guanajuato, Mexico were guests. These visits fostered international relationships for the University of Texas law school. My wife, an attorney, and I used office space within the house for our professional careers, and several casebooks and treatises were part of my work product there.

During our history with 1400 Winsted, Winsted Lane has been the eastern boundary of the West Enfield subdivision's pleasant and discrete mainly single family residential neighborhood. While we no longer live in the house, my wife and I strongly support all efforts to keep the subdivision as an historic residential area serving the University of Texas and providing an alternative to high density development rapidly overtaking all of Central Austin.

For all of the above reasons, my wife and I urge you to designate 1400 Winsted Lane as an historic landmark property and to deny the demolition request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Ernest E. Smith
Rex G. Baker Centennial Chair in Natural Resources Law
University of Texas School of Law

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.

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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
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Case Number: PR 18-210476 - 1400 WINSTED LANE
Contact: Andrew Rice, (512) 974-1686
Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Feb 25, 2019

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

DAN RICHARDS
Your Name (please print)

1403 KENT LANE
Your address(es) affected by this application

Signature

Date

Comments:

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:
City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department
Historic Preservation Office, ATTN: Andrew Rice
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-8810
FAX 512-974-9104

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J. Gordon McHane

Your Name (please print)

1404 Eton Lane Austin 78703

Your address(es) affected by this application

JGM

Signature

2/15/2019

Date

Comments: I object to the development demolishing a historic house and removing mature trees. This development will adversely affect my neighborhood

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KENNETH E. HOUP, JR.
Your Name (please print)

1401 ELTON LN. AUSTIN 78703
Your address(es) affected by this application

Kenneth E. Houpp, Jr.
Signature

2-12-19
Date

Comments: My wife, Debbie, and I vigorously oppose this
disturbance of trees and further degrading of
our neighborhood! Please deny the permit.

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