

Gaudette, Angela

From: Jennifer Parks [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:49 PM
To: PAZ Preservation
Cc: Paul Parks
Subject: PR 2--1467709-1811 Drake Ave

To the Historic Landmark Commission,

We are writing in regards to our property at 1811 Drake. We have worked with Joseph Design Build to design a home for this lot, and this firm applied for the demo permit for us; a representative from Joseph is participating at the public hearing on our behalf. We are long-time residents of Austin and have lived in Travis Heights for 14 years in a 1932 cottage that we renovated and expanded in keeping with the style of the period. To us, 1811 Drake does not have the same charming historic architectural features and materials as our current home, which we chose to preserve and restore. (e.g. 1811 Drake is fairly plain and has vinyl siding, plastic shutters, single-pane aluminum windows...) We love living in this neighborhood and are looking forward to building a new home at 1811 Drake that better suits our family's needs while also being thoughtful regarding scale and design.

We see that the staff have recommended release of the demolition permit upon completion of a COA Documentation Package, and we appreciate your time and consideration in the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer and Paul Parks
1706 Kenwood Ave. 78704

Gaudette, Angela

From: PAZ Preservation
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Gaudette, Angela
Subject: FW: D.7 1400 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0400); D.12 514 Academy Drive (HDP-2020-0424); D.15 1811 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0432) D.20 1414 Alameda Drive (HDP-2020-0453)

From: Angela Reed
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:45:39 AM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Jacob, Mathew - BC; Myers, Terri - BC; McWhorter, Trey - BC; Reed, Emily - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Heimsath, Ben - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Featherston, Witt; Wright, Caroline - BC; PAZ Preservation; Sadowsky, Steve
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Regarding opposition to the following demolitions:

- D.7 1400 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0400);
- D.12 514 Academy Drive (HDP-2020-0424);
- D.15 1811 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0432)
- D.20 1414 Alameda Drive (HDP-2020-0453)

Dear Commissioners,

Residents of the Travis Heights–Fairview Park National Register District are seeing a number of demolition requests, all referenced above, within the boundaries of the Historic District. Each of these demolition requests threatens the integrity of this recently–designated district, which was finally accomplished after 15 years of organizing, fundraising, and volunteer service by many neighborhood residents. We ask that Commissioners oppose these demolitions and that property owners are advised of the historic district, the value of these properties if preserved, and are informed of their options in renovating rather than demolishing these houses.

Thank you for your dedicated work in supporting our city's historic character.

Regards,

Angela Reed
1924 Newning Ave., 78704
Resident, Travis Heights–Fairview Park NRHD
Member, SRCC Preservation Committee

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Gaudette, Angela

From: Paula Kothmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:14 AM
To: PAZ Preservation
Cc: Angela Reed; Gaudette, Angela; Clif Ladd; Melanie Martinez; Mary Janecek-Friedman; Michele Webre; bob gee
Subject: D.15 1811 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0432) : request to postpone

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Dear Commissioners:

I'm a resident of the Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register District. I respectfully request that you consider postponing the case for D.15 1811 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0432).

- This property is a contributing property to our District.
- The applicant has not reached out to us to discuss options to total demolition of this property.

I plan to speak at the meeting on Monday and will be happy to answer any questions at that time.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve our historic properties!

Kind regards,

Paula Kothmann
Preservation Committee, SRCC

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Gaudette, Angela

From: Melanie Martinez [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Heimsath, Ben - BC; Featherston, Witt; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Myers, Terri - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Jacob, Mathew - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; McWhorter, Trey - BC; Bertron, Cara; Sadowsky, Steve; PAZ Preservation; Gaudette, Angela
Subject: 1811 Drake Ave., HDP-2020-0432

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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I am writing again to express my opposition to the demolition of 1811 Drake Avenue and requesting postponement until the plans for post-demolition are shown.

I also serve as a volunteer in our neighborhood's Preservation Committee and in the past 15 years spent trying to preserve the history here, I have learned that not every contributing structure has to be a landmark-status home to be part of our story.

I truly hope that the owner could reconsider demolition and weigh out the cost versus new development. We have seen cases in our neighborhood where a builder has done both and ended up selling the restored home much quicker and with more profit than the new construction where he demolished the neighboring house. As an additional benefit, if this house is restored and used as a rental property (even possibly with an appropriate addition), it may qualify for tax credits for rehabilitation.

It is so important to our neighborhood as a whole that we retain these modest-size homes to keep our neighborhood eclectic and attract residents of all incomes. This is the story of Travis Heights.

I did not see any plans for the future development of the lot should this house be demolished. It would certainly be helpful to know what is going on before a contributing structure is lost.

Sincerely,
Melanie Martinez
1214 Newning Ave.

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