

Gaudette, Angela

From: Paula Kothmann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:56 AM
To: PAZ Preservation
Cc: Gaudette, Angela; Angela Reed; Mary Janecek-Friedman; Clif Ladd; Melanie Martinez; Michele Webre; bob gee; Paula Kothmann; Megan Spencer
Subject: D.7 1400 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0400)

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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.7 1400 Drake Avenue (HDP-2020-0400).

- This property is a contributing property to our District.
- The applicant has not set an appointment with our committee to discuss options to total demolition.
- On Tuesday, Nov 17, 2020, we will be presenting this property to our entire SRCC Neighborhood Association, which represents ~5,000 households per my understanding. Should the SRCC vote to oppose demolition of this property, we will forward that statement to your Commission.

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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From: Melanie Martinez [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:51 AM
To: PAZ Preservation; Myers, Terri - BC; Gaudette, Angela; Little, Kelly - BC; Jacob, Mathew - BC; McWhorter, Trey - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Heimsath, Ben - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Featherston, Witt; Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara; bc-Caroline.Wright@austin.texas.gov
Subject: Item D7, 1400 Drake Ave., HDP2020-0400

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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I am writing again to express my opposition to the demolition of 1400 Drake Avenue. I'm a resident of the Travis Height-Fairview Park National Register district and, as this house is contributing to our district, believe it should remain. I also serve as a volunteer in our neighborhood's Preservation Committee and just spent 15 years trying to preserve the history and story here. It was a neighborhood of mixed incomes and many, many working-class families. Homes like 1400 Drake constitute a chapter that we're quickly erasing. Besides providing context and character to our district and the story of Austin.

There are many creative designers in Austin who could certainly imagine a way to preserve this property while adding updates or additions. We have many successful remodels in the neighborhood. As an aside, if the owner would restore the main house as a rental property, they may be able to receive tax credits for the rehabilitation of a contributing property.

Please consider postponing this case until there is communication with the owner and a chance to try and compromise in some way that will still benefit the community and the owner.

Sincerely,
Melanie Martinez
1214 Newning Ave.

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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
Subject: 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)

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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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Travis Heights Resident,

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