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Subject:	Oppose Demo of 1805 Waterston Avenue (Case #: GF 21-060230)
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I am writing today to oppose the demolition of 1805 Waterston Avenue. I am not only a neighbor but also serve on the CCDC Affordable Housing Selection Committee.

I, as well as, the CCDC opposes the request to demolish 1805 Waterston Avenue (Case #: GF 21-060230)**.** Not only is this house a contributing structure in the Clarksville NRHD, but it's a fully renovated, upscale home that has been well maintained. In other words, the new owner cannot argue, as so often happens, that the house needs to be knocked down because it's in terrible shape. Here is the listing on Zillow, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/1805-Waterston-Ave-Austin-TX-78703/29329920_zpid

Also, we request that you postpone a decision on release of the permit so we have time to try to reach out to the owner to try to avoid the loss of the home and failing that, to work with the owner to come up with a new home design that is compatible with the homes in the Clarksville NRHD. We would have done this already, but the demo permit applicant is DAR, not the owner, and City staff said that they could not share the owner's name with me. Also, there was a long delay until the name of the new owner -- Nalle Custom Homes -- showed up in TCAD and so we only got that information on Thursday, May 20th.

The CCDC board believes that demolition of 1805 Waterston will set a dangerous precedent in our historic neighborhood -- the demolition of fully remodeled, well maintained, historically contributing homes. What does the Historical zoning mean or accomplish if not save the very houses that make the neighborhood historical?

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Schiefer

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