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Subject: Regarding 1805 Waterston Avenue, GF-2021-060230

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Last month on behalf of the Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC), I spoke at your May meeting and requested that the release of a permit to demolish 1805 Waterston Avenue, a home that contributes to the Clarksville National Register District, be postponed. My reason for requesting the delay was so that representatives of the CCDC could have time to contact the new owners of the home, Nalle Custom Homes, to try to avoid the loss of the property or at least come up with a new home design that would be compatible with homes in the Clarksville NRHD.

After the delay was granted, architect Aubrey Carter, Gregory Tran and I met with Jesse Nalle here in Clarksville on June 3. We discussed whether Mr. Nalle would consider retaining at least the front facade and sides of the original house. (By the way, 1805 Waterston is a fully renovated, expensive, well maintained home,

https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/1805-Waterston-Ave-Austin-TX-78703/29329920 zpid.) Although Mr. Nalle was not open to that option, he was receptive to modifying his plans for the new home he wants to build after listening to Aubrey Carter's suggestions. For example, he was open to enlarging the front porch to make it more functional, substituting carports for the two front facing garages that were part of his design, and making a few other modifications to the front of the new house.

At the end of our meeting, Mr. Nalle promised to send us a revised drawing based on what we had discussed. Also, Aubrey Carter offered to provide on-going advice and feedback.

On June 10th I followed up with Mr. Nalle via email and on that same day, he emailed the following, "We are working on ideas and will get back to you." However, as of today, June 25th, we have yet to see any modified drawings. Therefore, the CCDC requests another postponement of the demo permit release for 1805 Waterston so that Nalle Custom Homes has more time to share new drawings with us and so that we can provide feedback. And the CCDC continues to oppose the demolition of the current structure.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Mary Reed President, CCDC

P.S. The CCDC believes that demolition of 1805 Waterston will set a dangerous precedent for our historic neighborhood and others in Austin -- the demolition of fully remodeled, well maintained, historically contributing homes.

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