# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

JULY 26, 2021

HR-21-099481

DAVIS-SIBLEY HOUSE

2210 WINDSOR ROAD

#### **PROPOSAL**

Construct a carport at the rear of the house; eliminate a non-conforming rear staircase.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

The applicant seeks review of a new design for the rear carport and approval of the elimination of a non-conforming rear stair and replacement with a covered landing. The proposed carport is now lower and smaller than previously proposed, and does not obscure any of the architectural features of the back of the house. The rear stair is non-complying, and the applicant has decided to remove it and replace with a covered landing.

## **DESIGN STANDARDS**

The City of Austin's <u>Historic Design Standards</u> (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects at historic landmarks. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

## Repair and alterations

1. General standards

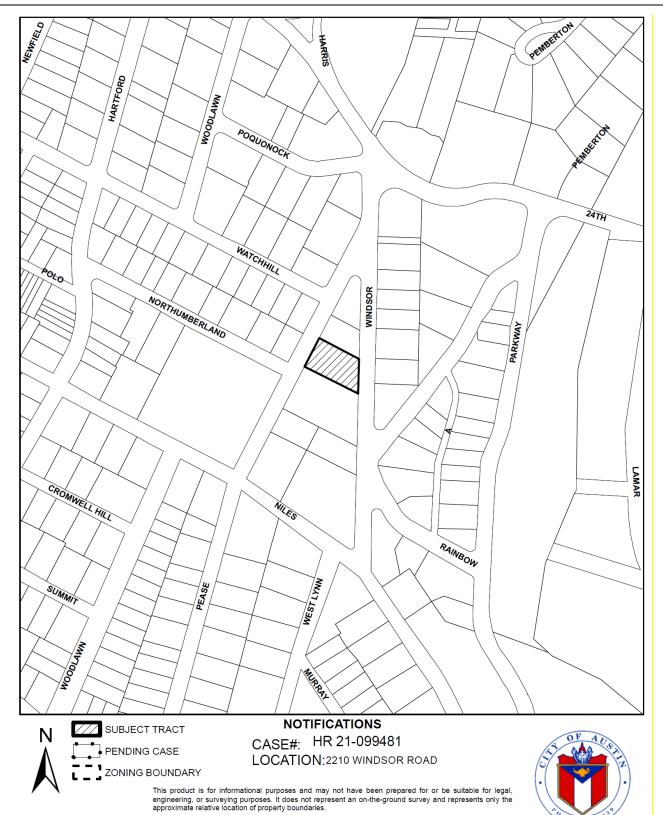
The proposed project meets the design standards with the exception of the rear stair, which the Architectural Review Committee has determined is a character-defining feature of the rear elevation of the house and should not be removed.

## COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

The Committee had no issues with the revised design for the carport in the back of the house, but felt strongly that the rear stair sought for removal should be retained, as it is a character-defining feature.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff acknowledges that the stair is non-conforming and would suggest ways to retain the look of the stair, even if it is non-functioning. The current proposal does not do that.



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