

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. This meeting will be conducted online and you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. Email or call the staff contact for information on how to participate in the public hearings online. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice*); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 14 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, please visit our website: www.austintexas.gov/abc

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

Case Number: HR 21-115725 - 1104 TOYATH ST

Contact: Amber Allen, (512) 974-3393

Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, August 23, 2021

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I am in favor

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I object

LOUIS RIGLER

1103 TOYATH ST 78703

Your Name (*please print*)

Your address(es) affected by this application

Signature

Date

Comments:

SEE ATTACHED

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Written Comments of objection to the Commission for Public Hearing

Regarding Paradisa Homes design plans for 1104 Toyath Street:

Whereas, Paradisa Homes (Owner), left the property at 1104 Toyath abandoned from day one of purchase, to collect debris and unclaimed mail and flyers, to become over grown with weeds, and to sit as a dismal, empty and un-cared-for house;

Whereas, I have witnessed, on three occasions, the owner's agents or employed persons remove and toss on the ground the Historic Landmark Commission's Notice regarding this hearing;

And whereas the owner has made no effort to communicate with any of the neighboring property owners about plans or intentions for the lot -

I can only conclude that the owner has no care or concern for this neighborhood, for its history as a National Historic Register District, the residents, nor property owners.*

Further, given the fact that this Commission evidently made no demand of the owner to respect or consider the architectural OR political history of Clarksville, and gave permission to demolish the existing structure (and likely build what can only be called a McMansion in its place), I have to think the Commission does not have much real understanding or respect for Clarksville's history either.

So – I object to the plans presented. I find it an insult to the people both current and past who have made Clarksville the neighborhood that it is... and yes, it still is a neighborhood, regardless of Austin's boom-town mentality, and attitudes expressed that "Clarksville doesn't really exist anymore".

With all due respect to Paradisa Homes... a McMansion is so very out of keeping with the 'hood, and will be no matter how many have been, or may be, built here. Clarksville is owed a debt that I know can never be paid... that doesn't mean it can't be stood up for and shown respect.



Louis Rigler
1103 Toyath Street
8/20/21

* – I am aware that Paradisa and Clarksville Community Development Corporation officials talked about community concerns regarding 1104. Evidently Paradisa consented to not have a huge garage in the front of the house (a hallmark of their "Luxury Modern Homes") and have placed a large carport at the back of the lot (next to the pool). I suspect however that that was not a concession to the neighborhood but a pragmatic financial decision of the heavily sloped lot.