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Case Number HR 21-168400- 504 Leland St

Historic Landmark Commission

November 15, 2021

Contact: Amber Allen

Hi Amber,

I have sent the following information, along with the form, via postal mail, but being uncertain of the timing and arrival of the mail, I wanted to email you the same information.

I appreciate your involvement in this process.

Thanks,
Tobin

Hello,

Due to Covid, I will be unable to attend the public hearing in person, but I wanted to provide written comments.

I OBJECT to this Permit.

I live at 1705 Nickerson St in a 1928 Craftsman Bungalow, similar to the one at 504 Leland. I object to the demolition of the house for the following reasons:

1. This is a historic building in a historic district. It will certainly be replaced with a modern style home (based on the types of homes Jack Booth Construction tends to favor), which only further degrades the historic district. What is the purpose of having a historic district if we remove all the historic homes that give it character?
2. The home is not a tear-down. It is certainly in need of repairs, as all older homes require. I do not want to provide support for demolishing a perfectly habitable home and filling our landfill needlessly and wastefully.
3. We need affordable housing in our neighborhood. Certainly, this current historic home is much more affordable than what would replace it.
4. From a personal perspective, my property taxes are skyrocketing every year, not due to my home evaluation, but due to the land evaluation. Travis County concludes that the value of the land for a home that was purchased and demolished is equal to the price paid for the home and land together. Purchasing a perfectly habitable home, then demolishing it, only increases my land valuation.

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