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Dear members of HLC,

I am writing today as a Tarrytown neighbor of The Rock House (2002 Scenic Drive) and strong believer in the preservation of our cultural heritage. My great great great uncle, AJ Eilers, donated the land and spring fed pool for Eilers Park. Additionally, my ancestors built the McKean Eilers building which still stands on Congress Avenue. He wanted that land to be preserved for the people of Austin. I am thankful that the HLC made the McKean Eilers building a historic landmark although there were changes made to the building.

What does historical mean to Austin? What is left? The Rock House is one of a kind and unique. As members of the Historical Landmark Commission, you have an obligation to preserve the unique history and culture of Austin. Every day for the past 16 years, I have walked my dogs past The Rock House and enjoyed its wonderful character - the stonework, the arches, turret and triangle pool. It needs care, not a bulldozer. If The Rock House is bulldozed, as it seems most of Austin is, there will be nothing left of Austin's once unique character that people love so much. People moving here from other parts of the country don't care about preserving Austin. WE MUST. Once history is gone, it's gone forever. Thank you for your consideration in preserving The Rock House.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Stovall

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