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Good morning Landmark Commission:

Writing to you not only in reference to Case # GF 22-047389 2002 Scenic Drive, but for historic preservation in general.

Re 2002 Scenic Drive. I suppose you have seen the property. I've lived in Austin my entire life (born here) and have remembered that house since childhood. It stands out for its charm. During 2 years of covid, I rode my bike down Scenic and past that house almost every day. Always loved looking at it and its somehow old world building style. A charming place, please give it your best effort to preserve it.

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Re historic preservation in general -- copying councilmember Alter also. This city does not do nearly enough to preserve our beautiful old houses and neighborhoods. Nowhere near enough. The most beautiful and charming area in all Austin (in my opinion) is the old city between 7th street and 18th street. It always brings pleasure when I go through this area and see the charming places. This whole area is being encroached upon from all directions and I guarantee you it will be essentially gone in 50 years unless we take action to preserve it. Why do you think people love to be in Fredericksburg, for example? The beauty and charm of its old buildings and houses. Being in such unique charm and history refreshes the soul.

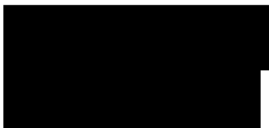
Ever been to Annecy France? I was there for a french course 15 years ago. This beautiful building was scheduled by the wise town elders for demolition.



Fortunately saner heads prevailed and the building was saved. It is now the #1 most famous site, most visited spot, most beautiful building in the city.

Do not make the same mistake here in Austin of letting the bulldozer and developer rule. Truly we all know that the average developer cares Zero for historic preservation when the possibility of a few dollars profit is in the offing. Don't let them get away with turning everything charming and beautiful here into skyscrapers and tourist hotels of glass and steel. I urge you to do whatever you can to permanently protect our old neighborhoods and buildings from the developers' wrecking ball.

Thank you,  
Mark Warren



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