



# WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

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City of Austin Planning Commission  
301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Austin, Texas 78701

August 20, 2022

**OFFICERS**

Holly Reed  
President

RE: Item #19 C14H-2022-0099, 2002 Scenic Drive

Cathy Kyle  
Past President, Secretary

Dear Chair Shaw and Members of the Planning Commission,

George Edwards  
Treasurer

On behalf of the West Austin Neighborhood Group Board of Directors, I write to convey our unanimous support for historic zoning at 2002 Scenic Drive.

Blake Tollett  
Assistant Treasurer

The home and landscaping at 2002 Scenic Dr. has long been known to our neighborhood as the “Rock House,” possessing significant historical architecture and community value in the West Austin Neighborhood Group area. The unique materials used in the construction of this home, the artistic stone features, and location next to Lake Austin make this special home part of the cultural identity of our neighborhood and our city. This was one of the earliest homes built in the neighborhood, dating back to 1923. The stone work resembles several other stone cottages and homes built near Lake Austin during this time period, but this home is truly unique because of its combination of art, architecture, materials, landscaping and historical associations.

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The West Austin Neighborhood Group has heard an outpouring from neighbors and historic experts who support the preservation of 2002 Scenic Drive. Our neighborhood is one of the oldest in the City of Austin, and yet we have had more residential demolition permits issued between 2010 and 2021 than most other areas of our City. Demolition is destroying Austin’s identity, and the only way to save it is to listen to the community, and support the recommendations of the Historic Landmark Commission.

Demolishing the property at 2002 Scenic Drive would be a tragic loss of history to our neighborhood and our City. We respectfully ask that the Planning Commission support the unanimous recommendation of Austin’s Historic Landmark Commission, the City Staff, and the West Austin Neighborhood Group, to change the zoning at 2002 Scenic Drive from SF-3-NP to SF-3-H-NP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Holly Reed, President  
West Austin Neighborhood Group  
President@WestAustinNG.com

***Deborah L. Slator, D.V.M.***

**7425 W. Ranch Rd. 152**

**Llano, Tx. 78643**

July 25, 2022

Michael Whellan, Esq.  
Armbrust & Brown  
100 Congress Ave. Suite 1300  
Austin, Tx. 78701

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention recently that on multiple occasions you have publicly attacked my father's reputation in hearings before the Austin Historic Landmark Commission. And in written accounts of those meetings, you declared that C H Slator as owner of The Tavern on 12<sup>th</sup> St and Lamar Blvd. had a public history practicing segregation, refusing to integrate until forced by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Not only are your facts inaccurate, but I find your statements disgusting! My father, C H Slator, did have a lease on the property known as The Tavern in the late 1950's. However, in 1960 the property was purchased by Gay and Wayne Overton and the lease was terminated. My father and many of his patrons were prohibited from entering the establishment.

From personal knowledge, I remember signs of "No shoes, no shirt, no service" and Friday night specials of an 8 oz. beef filet, baked potato, and salad for \$1.00 .....nothing of the racist sort you speak of!

How ironic that you would engage in the very defamation of character and "hate speech" against my father that you purport to defend. Therefore, consider this as a notice to "cease and desist" from further racist and segregationist claims on the character of C H Slator. I would hate to be forced to get my attorneys involved.....

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Slator (Gillan)

**From:** Carriline Bergquist  
**To:** [Collins, Kimberly](#)  
**Subject:** 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099)  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 11:20:01 AM

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I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

I have lived in Tarrytown within blocks of this house my whole life (65 years). This house and similar ones around it are integral to the flavor of this neighborhood. Austin started losing its identity in 1968 when much of the downtown neighborhoods were "urban renewed". Some of those homes or parts of them were brought out to Tarrytown to preserve them. Now Tarrytown is under siege as is Clarksville, East Austin and other areas of West and Central Austin.

Please preserve what little of Austin is left. The very culture that so many of our new residents are seeking is being destroyed daily. Please consider this. Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood as well as all neighborhoods that represent the Austin we love.

Thank you  
Carriline Bergquist

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 5:01 PM  
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Subject: Support historic zoning for 2002 Scenic Drive ( Case # C14H-2022-0099)

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Dear members of the Planning Commission:

I'm writing to express my strong support for historic zoning for 2002 Scenic Drive, Case # C14H-2022-0099. I look forward to speaking before the commission on Tuesday, September 27th, to discuss the reasons for my support.

Thank you for your service to the City of Austin.

Mary Kahle

From: Kenneth Hines <  
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 7:33 AM  
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Subject: 2002 Scenic Drive - Item 13 on Sept 27, 2022 Agenda

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Good Morning,

I learned that the Preservation Commission is voting on whether to list the home at 2002 Scenic Drive as a Historic Landmark. I am strongly opposed to this and recommend that you vote against designating

this private home a historic landmark in what would amount to basically a government taking about a year and a half after the home was purchased.

Kenneth Hines

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From: JoHannah Wilcox <  
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 6:51 PM  
To: Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>  
Subject: rock house

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PRESERVE THE ROCK HOUSE !  
AT 2002 SCENIC DRIVE

From: Phyllis Pollard <  
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 4:35 PM  
To: todd.shaw@austintexas.gov; Robert.Schneider@austintexas.gov; Patrick.Howard@austintexas.gov;  
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Subject: 2002 Scenic Dr.

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We support the preservation of the rock house at 2002 Scenic Drive. It would be a shame to destroy the significant and beautiful historic and still usable structure. Austin is losing more and more of the features which have made it unique and desirable. We need to protect the best structures of our past.

Tom and Phyllis Pollard  
3207 Greenlee Dr.  
Austin, TX 78703

From: Mary Reed <  
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 6:54 AM  
To: Schneider, Robert - BC <BC-Robert.Schneider@austintexas.gov>; Shaw, Todd - BC <BC-Todd.Shaw@austintexas.gov>; Howard, Patrick - BC <BC-Patrick.Howard@austintexas.gov>; Praxis, Solveij - BC <BC-Solveij.Praxis@austintexas.gov>; Cox, Grayson - BC <BC-Grayson.Cox@austintexas.gov>; Mushtaler, Jennifer - BC <BC-Jennifer.Mushtaler@austintexas.gov>; Llanes, Carmen - BC <bc-Carmen.Llanes@austintexas.gov>; Cohen, Jessica - BC <BC-Jessica.Cohen@austintexas.gov>; Flores, Yvette - BC <bc-Yvette.Flores@austintexas.gov>; Azhar, Awais - BC <BC-Awais.Azhar@austintexas.gov>; Anderson, Greg - BC <bc-Greg.Anderson@austintexas.gov>; Shieh, James - BC <bc-James.Shieh@austintexas.gov>; Singh, Arati - BC <BC-Arati.Singh@austintexas.gov>; Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>  
Subject: Please support historic zoning for this architectural treasure!!!

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I am writing about the property located at 2002 Scenic Drive, Case C141H-2022-0099.

The house and its grounds are emblematic of old Austin's wonderful, creative, quirky character. We have lost far too many properties that reflected these qualities.

Please make sure that the "Rock House," does not become just one more victim of a wrecking ball. This house merits saving.

Thanks for your consideration.

Mary Reed

Austin, TX 78703

512 657 5289

I am writing to you regarding 2002 Scenic Drive (Case # C14H-2022-0099). I urge you to support the unanimous recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission to change the zoning to SF-3-NP-H.

I live across the street from 2002 Scenic Drive and have owned my house since 2006 and, through the years, I have appreciated the uniqueness of the house inside and out. The view from my house, and from the street, provides glimpses of the lake and a view of Tarrytowns history. It is significant that 2002 Scenic Drive was and is the anchor point for the immediate neighborhood. If this property is not protected, it's likely to be replaced by multiple large houses to maximize the value of the owner's investment.

Please support the Historic Landmark Commission's unanimous recommendation and help preserve the character of my neighborhood.

Steve Luning

2005 Scenic Dr, Austin, TX 78703

From: Mark Hernandez <

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 4:52 PM

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Subject: 2002 Scenic Case # C14H-2022-0099

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We in favor of the proposed zoning change to SF-NP-H because this home is an iconic part of old Austin historic architecture that is disappearing. Having this property bulldozed for a multi-unit development or another McMansion would be a tragedy to our local neighborhood, immediate neighbors, and the city as a whole.

Mark and Stefanie Hernandez

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