

**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

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**Allen, Amber**

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**From:** Mark Warren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:00 PM  
**To:** HPD Preservation  
**Cc:** District10  
**Subject:** Case # GF 22-047389 2002 Scenic Drive

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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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**From:** linda dickens [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 28, 2022 11:16 AM  
**To:** HPD Preservation  
**Subject:** Save 2002 Scenic Drive

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Hello, I'm writing to request that the Historic Landmark Commission grant historic status to the buildings at 2002 Scenic Dr. Please save them. Do not allow them to be destroyed.

Thank you,  
Linda

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Linda Neavel Dickens  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sarah Stovall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2022 11:49 AM  
**To:** HPD Preservation  
**Subject:** The Rock House

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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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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** HPD Preservation  
**Subject:** Please SAVE our historic buildings - 2002 Scenic Drive

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It is heart-breaking to hear of another Austin property on the chopping block. Do people not notice and value our older buildings, their history and character? Certainly a house built in the 1930's has value to retain at least part of it. Houses such as this do not happen anymore. It must be possible to rennovate in such a way the at least part of the older structure can be retained.

All over town, people purchase and destroy areas that contribute to the character of Austin. Where is their imagination and the skill of their architects? Soon there won't be anything of value left!

Thank you.

Susan Pascoe

[REDACTED]  
Austin

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