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Subject: Preserve 2002 Scenic Dr

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Greetings All,

I'm a local resident of 78703. I'm learning one of our remaining local landmarks, 2002 Scenic Dr, is at risk of demolishing. I hope / ask that you'll preserve this beautiful property that represents important historical continuity for our neighborhood and town.

Kind Regards,

Jim Degnan

From: Trinity Mereau

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 9:25 PM

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Subject: 2002 Scenic

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Hello,

To whom this concerned,

We are neighbors and walk and run by this home on 2002 Scenic. This home is so charming and should not be torn down. There is a rock home across the street on Scenic that was completely restored. It can be done. The beautiful rock on these homes has a history and is the charm of this area. The home should not be destroyed but restored.

Best, Trinity Mereau and Steven Walters
3200 Cherry lane

From: db

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Subject: Historic Zoning for 2002 Scenic Drive

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Dear Chairperson Shaw and Fellow Commissioners:

I am writing in favor of Historic Zoning designation for 2002 Scenic Drive.

This building and its grounds are well worn but intact examples of Austin's past that cannot be replicated or understood if the original buildings are demolished. We cannot learn from the past if it is removed.

Preservation of the past is part of what keeps Austin weird. We equally value the newest buildings and the oldest. If we choose to only value the new, we lose some of our collective values. The public review process embodied by this Commission gives the commissioners the opportunity to respect the values of community which respecting the rights of the individual.

In the case of 2002 Scenic, rehabilitation and reuse under the requirements of Historic Zoning designation becomes a win-win for owner and city alike. The resistance to rehabilitation and reuse do not make sense to me as an architect who has completed numerous remodels and adaptations of historical structures and grounds.

1. Demolition by neglect has never been allowed in Austin. To allow demolition sets a precedent which will allow any future speculator to throw away heritage and character.
2. Architects strive and dream of creating iconic and memorable architecture and the existing building certainly embodies both. Our city has the opportunity to protect, save and repurpose memory and beauty in situ rather than in a photobook or museum. Documentation of Lost Austin is a tragic outcome when the original artifact could remain.
3. Construction (new or remodel) is expensive and building on this lot with its slope, soils and setbacks is extremely expensive. An engineer's letter advocating a cheaper way to build is not an aspiration for a City like Austin. Certainly, the owners of this lot understand the cost of developing such an important site and citing savings as design goal seems disingenuous.
4. Preserving the site configuration, the landscape and the stonework of 2002 Scenic is certainly something that this talented architect/owner team is capable of doing. Their work is well recognized, and their talent only limited by their charge from owners. Existing nonbearing stonework could be preserved and remain non-bearing. Failing structure can easily be supplemented with additional structure. Leaks and mold damage can be repaired.

5. There is a long-standing track record in Texas of preserving hand-crafted and vernacular works by the CCC and others. These are preserved as they represent a respect and admiration for local artisans and local construction materials in Texas buildings. The work of the CCC is cherished around our state, not because the designer was recognizable, but because the human care and craft was admirable. This home should be protected without concern for the deemed recognizability of the architect(s)

In the case of 2002 Scenic, preservation and Historic Zoning seems the balance of public and private values. Thank you for considering this opinion.

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From: Sharon Albrecht <
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 2:15 PM
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Subject: In Support of Historic Zoning for 2002 Scenic Drive

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Dear Planning Commission Members and City Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to hear from fellow Austinites on the important issue of historic zoning for 2002 Scenic Drive here in Central Austin.

I am a 28-year resident of Austin, more specifically the 78703 zip code. I have seen tremendous changes to our city and my neighborhood over the course of those almost 30 years. This is a very alive and vibrant city and progress, for the most part, is important and positive. Our city's history is also very important and positive. Our older, central neighborhoods are an important part of what makes Austin unique. They tell our story -- how we started, how we got here, who we were and who we are. Every day more and more of that story is erased as more and more of the homes in our older neighborhoods are demolished. Our neighborhood diversity declines. Our neighborhood's affordable housing is replaced by homes out of reach by most. The uniqueness of our city and neighborhoods erode as new and modern boxes that often look all too similar (and similar to any other modern town in the US) replace family homes built over the past several decades.

But sometimes, there is a house that deserves to stand and be saved -- a house so special and intrinsic to the story of Austin and its neighborhood that you stop what you're doing in your busy life to write to the city's Planning Commission and City Council members to say 'please protect this home'. I have passed by this magical house many times over the past 28 years during my neighborhood walk. I've marveled at the stone and iron work, the arches and turret. I've seen glimpses of the gardens and outdoor spaces that I envision in their grander days. I've seen the house sit unloved and poorly maintained over the years and always hoped that someone who cared and respected the history of the home and understood the contributions that the house makes to Austin and our neighborhood would take it on.

Unfortunately, as it seems to go these days, that did not happen. Instead someone came in who only sees value in a lake front lot and not the story that the house and all its artful details clearly tell, someone who is indifferent to the neighbors who oppose demolition of this important piece of their neighborhood, someone with so many resources that he was able to come in and scoop up the property without anyone noticing knowing full well he was going to fully demolish the estate. There are other lakefront properties that this gentleman can obtain -- properties that are not as significant or as meaningful to the Austin and Tarrytown story. Or he can also restore this beautiful property so that it can continue to contribute to the uniqueness of Austin and Tarrytown for many years.

I fully support the historic zoning of 2002 Scenic Drive. It is a significant and irreplaceable property with unmatched architectural value and a distinguished history of builders and owners. I believe you have been presented with all the credentials and details as to why designation should be awarded. My intent here is to echo those claims and add my voice with others that are saying "This one matters. It is important. It can and should be saved."

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sharon Albrecht
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From: George Lange <
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Subject: Please preserve 2002 Scenic Drive

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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

Please work to preserve a piece of Austin history at 2002 Scenic Drive!

Thank you,
George Lange

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From: Anne S. Lewis <>
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Subject: PRESERVE 2002 Scenic Drive

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This house is historic to the neighborhood! Don't allow it to be demolished. The character of the neighborhood has already been destroyed by so many ugly "builder" track mansions.

Anne S. Lewis

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Subject: Please preserve the structure at 2002 scenic

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I'm writing to support the PRESERVATION of the historic property at 2002 Scenic drive. Please do not allow anyone to demolish this beautiful and historic property.

Sincerely,
Michelle Weisblatt
Tarrytown resident/homeowner