

Allen, Amber

From: RICHARD HALL [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 7:00 PM
To: Allen, Amber; [REDACTED]; David Rodewald; HPD Preservation
Subject: Case GF 22-169711 Address 801 A / 801 B W Johanna St
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Hello Amber and Historic Landmark Commission Staff,

I'm writing in regards to case GF 22-169711, 801A and 801B West Johanna Street, Austin, TX 78704.

I would like to submit the letter below to the HLC for their consideration. Please let me know if you need me to submit this information another way, or if this email and the attached file of photos will suffice.

Dear Members of the Historic Landmark Commission:

I'm writing in regards to case GF 22-169711, 801A and 801B West Johanna Street, Austin, TX 78704.

My name is Richard Hall. My wife (Julie Akulin) and I own both of the above-referenced properties and have applied for a demolition permit that is pending with the City of Austin. D.A.R. is the demolition firm that has applied for the permit on our behalf. This permit was considered at the HLC meeting on Wednesday, Dec 14, 2022 and was deferred. Unfortunately we were not able to attend that meeting, but we have watched the video replay of the meeting to learn what the Commission's concerns were and attempt to address them in this letter.

I hope to attend the next meeting, but ask you to consider the information below and attached photos if I am not.

I would like to respectfully request that the Historic Landmark Commission reconsider this application and consent to it. Here the facts that I hope you will consider:

1. The staff recommended that the Commission consent to the application and allow the City to release the demolition permits. The Staff's recommendation was based on their determination that the properties do not meet more than two of the criteria required for Landmark designation.
2. The live testimony of Tricia Todd, the neighborhood resident who opposed demolition, was inaccurate and misleading. In particular she stated that demolition had already commenced, that we and/or D.A.R. were brazenly acting as if the Commission's consent had been granted, and that she believed code violations had been committed. These statements were the basis for the Commission's decision to defer our application.
3. I understand the Commission Members' consternation resulting from Ms. Todd's statements. One Commission Member made a statement to the effect that "owners need to know that this body is not a rubber stamp to be taken for granted." Please know that we do not take the Commission for granted. Several other Members expressed surprise that D.A.R. would make such an error because they have considerable experience with

Austin's demolition permitting process. That is why we hired D.A.R., to guide us through this process and make sure we respect all required steps in the permitting process.

4. I disagree with all of Ms. Todd's statements.
5. No demolition has commenced at the property and no demolition will occur until all required permits have been obtained. As evidence of this, I submit the attached photos taken on Dec 22, 2022 (a week after the Commission Meeting) that show the buildings are intact, not in the process of being demolished.
6. We are following the appropriate process and not circumventing the Historic Landmark Commission.
7. We have not been notified of any Code violations by the City of Austin.
8. My wife and I are current residents of the Bouldin Creek neighborhood. We have lived here since 2019 and very much enjoy it. Because of that, we purchased 801 A+B Johanna and plan to build a single family home that we can occupy as our primary residence once it is completed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Richard Hall

From: Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 801 A-B W Johanna St - HLC Referral & Fees

Dear Karen,

Your project at 801 A & B W. Johanna Street has been referred to the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) for formal review. Please see the attached invoice for the referral fees. This invoice will have to be paid prior to **November 23rd, 2022** for your case to appear on the next HLC agenda. If the invoice is not paid in time, the case will be scheduled for the following meeting.

The Historic Landmark Commission meeting will occur:

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022

6:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers – 301 W. 2nd Street

If you plan on attending in person:

- The meeting will take place at City Hall (301 W. 2nd Street) in Council Chambers and will begin at 6:00pm.
 - Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early
 - There is parking available in the garage underneath City Hall. There will be a punch machine in the lobby to validate parking yourself.
 - If you wish to speak on an item, please be sure to sign-in using the binder that will be set out in the lobby prior to the start of the meeting.

If you plan to call-in and attend the meeting remotely:

- The deadline to register to speak remotely is Tuesday, December 13th by noon. No exceptions.
- Send an email to preservation@austintexas.gov (or my direct email address) with the following information:
 - Name
 - Email address

- Phone number you will be calling in with
- Project address
- For/Against the proposed project
- You will receive an email from me the morning of the meeting with call-in information.

The meeting is also broadcast live via ATXN both online and cable channel 6. We recommend at least one representative from each project attend the meeting either in-person or remotely in case the Commission has any questions regarding your project. *Please forward this information to the rest of your team, as I only send out HLC emails to the applicant of record.*

Submission of revised drawings or supplemental materials for STAFF REPORTS:

- This deadline is for items you wish to be implemented into the formal staff reports and recommendations to be reviewed by the Commissioners ahead of the meeting. The deadline to submit these items is Monday, December 5th by end of day.

Submission of presentations or additional materials:

- The deadline to submit these items is the day before the meeting, Tuesday, December 13th by noon. No exceptions.

The formal meeting agenda, final staff reports and recommendation, supporting documents, and submitted public comments will be posted no later than 3 p.m. on December 9th at the HLC website: https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/31_1.htm

Let me know if you have any questions ahead of the meeting.

Thanks,

Amber Allen

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