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Comments to Historic Landmark Commission, March 1, 2023

Dear Members,

I object to the proposed demolition of 7304 Knox Lane.

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### Comments:

At the outset, I should say that I am indifferent about the proposed new subdivision. Austin needs more housing, although I wish fewer new houses were planned and more importantly, that a second entry/exit access were included on the Knox land. There is already considerable traffic on Running Rope and adding another 12 houses with two cars each going in and out of a single short lane onto Running Rope will increase hazards for those with children.

My objection about demolition of the Knox house, however, is several fold. First, the application says it is a single floor. Clearly it is not as shown in the picture. Second, the Knox house was the centerpiece of a large part of the nearby Northwest Hills land. A former neighbor, now deceased, used to ride horses on the property while visiting Captain James Knox and Margaret Knox at their residence/house.

My primary objection is that this house has been a major landmark for several generations of Northwest Hills families. For more than 40 years it has been decorated during the holidays as a gingerbread house. Not only have nearby families come by on foot to view the spectacle but cars often were parked on Knox Lane so that children and their parents could view this special house. This house exemplifies a local tradition and history in Northwest Hills. If the new owners allowed the residence to remain, I am sure that many of us nearby neighbors would decorate the house as in the past and continue to create a spectacle for future families.

Thank you for your consideration.

James E. Jarrett

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