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Amber,

I am writing in support of a demolition permit for the building at 2200 San Antonio Street. The building does not meet any designation criteria.

Architecture: Fehr & Granger created many fine architectural examples in Austin; this was not one of them even before its integrity was eroded. I have not seen any photo of the structure together with the original house to which it was added, but it's clear we would not describe it as a model addition to an historic building, even by 1960s standards. It's doubtful the architects saw it that way. It seems more likely they conceived it as the first part of what they hoped would become a larger commission, which never happened. Documenting the structure before demolition will serve any scholarly interest in a complete inventory of F&G's work.

History: The modest list of civic activities documented for this site are not necessarily associated with this structure. Lutheran Student Center activities took place in the main building as well as this addition; many of the group's activities seem to have taken place elsewhere.

There are good reasons for HPC's rule requiring hearings for civic uses, but this structure is at the margin of the category. The process has served its purpose by assuring that there is nothing landmarkable here; now it can best serve by a prompt resolution that refutes preservation's reputation for unproductive delay.

(This note is not a paid expert opinion and is based on information in HPO staff's draft memo, not any independent research. The views are my own and no representation on behalf of UT or the School of Architecture.)

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