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I am the president of the board of directors of the Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC), the neighborhood organization for historic Clarksville. I am writing to let you know that the board fully supports the proposed plans for 1812 West 11th.

We are thrilled that the existing house at that location will be restored because it contributes to the Clarksville NRHD, and we have no objections with the house being moved forward on the lot. In addition, the CCDC board has no objections to the construction of a new house behind the existing house because the new house will sit far back on the lot so it will not affect the streetscape in the 1800 block of West 11th.

Saving the existing house at 1812 West 11th Street is important to the CCDC and Clarksville, because the research board members did at the Austin History Center shows it was built in the 1920s (not in the 1950s as the tax roll reflects) and was home to a number of significant Clarksville people. For example, between 1921-1928, W. S. Emerson resided there. Emerson built the current Sweet Home church building.

Archie and Clara Stewart also lived there. Archie Stewart helped build roads in Old Enfield and Pemberton. He also pitched for the Black Indians baseball team and the Austin Black Senators. The latter was a Negro League baseball team, which joined the Texas Colored League in 1923.

Clara Stewart's maiden name was Carrington. The Carringtons were a very prominent and long-time Clarksville family. Some were pastors at Sweet Home. Clara was born in Clarksville and worked as a washerwoman.

The Stewarts were the parents of Pauline Brown, one of the founders of the CCDC and a powerful advocate for Clarksville. She and Mary Baylor helped defeat plans to construct the crosstown expressway that would have run through the heart of Clarksville destroying the neighborhood and they were instrumental in securing federal money to begin the CCDC's affordable housing program, which was the first such program of its kind in Austin and which continues to operate.

Lena Stewart, Pauline's sister, also resided at 1812 West 11th Street. She was another CCDC founder.

For all of the above reasons, we ask that you approve what is proposed for 1812 West 11th Street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Reed

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