

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
JULY 5, 2023
HR-2023-067282, C14H-
JOHNSON HOUSE
1412 WEST 6 ½ STREET

PROPOSAL

Construct a fence atop existing retaining wall for a landmarked building in the Smoot-Terrace Park Historic District.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Install 3' wrought iron fence on top of retaining walls that border 6th Half St and along Highland Ave. Install wrought iron pedestrian gates at two entry stairways and one entry gate at driveway.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story Victorian house constructed in 1877, with horizontal wood siding. L-plan with bay window and porches at first and second floor, and 4:4 wood windows.

DESIGN STANDARDS

The City of Austin's [Historic Design Standards](#) (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects [at historic landmarks / in National Register districts / in [name of locally designated historic district that has adopted the Historic Design Standards] / at potential historic landmarks]. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

Sites and streetscapes

2. Walls and Fences

2.4 If constructing a new street-side fence or site wall, design it so that the materials, style, and scale are compatible with and differentiated from the architectural style and period of the building and are in keeping with historic fence styles and heights in the historic district. a. New front fences must be no more than 4' high and have a high degree of transparency. Additional standard for historic landmarks: 2.5 Do not paint or cover over historic masonry site walls.

The proposed 3' fence toppler is constructed of wrought iron, a material in keeping with historic fence styles present during the periods of significance of the landmark and the historic district. It is appropriately transparent; however, its height brings the total fence height over the 4' limit.

Summary

The project meets some of the applicable standards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Request lower fence height and/or omission spiked pickets per pending Council Resolution [20230608-058](#).



Lot Lines

Lot Line



1412 W 6TH 1/2 STREET



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