

To: COA Staff
306 E. 3rd St
For July 5,2023 Hearing

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The Second Empire House

Thank you Preservation Officer Contreras, Amber Allen, Commissioners.
Warren Wellborn, the purpose of this writing is to report my findings, and direct experience with the structures presently situated at 608 and 606 E. 3rd Street Austin. First, know that I am not, nor have I been in favor of the destruction of vintage or historic houses. Accordingly, I oppose the destruction of historic houses and or there historic places. Everyday since 1992, and in Austin since 1998 my primary business is that of consulting, buying and selling, the vintage and Historic House to be Moved.1999 First copy written book on the topic of Houses to be Moved.In 33 years I have moved some different Historic Houses, some more noted, some not. Staff, please know the location we've brought placed it's self and has continued to come into place in every way.

Place: Historic St John's Freedmen Colony. Recognized, the dirt sighted with Marker by The Texas Historic Commission.

Multigenerational Family Farm and Ranch Community.

Herve' Franks, a stand alone unique individual. A Purest. She first loved this house walking by it as a young girl. She grew up a farmer at the Freedmen Colony, and Herve' Franks is "The Garden at the Museum". The Placing of a Historic House to be moved is a challenge The landowner has been at this one since 2015.Their patients was for the community.

The Houses Life and Purpose A Destination of and for the same people of Austin. Alive with Loud exited Kid's and Herve' Franks. The house will be added by and for Austin people. A big Satellite for "The Garden" at Our Black History Museum. Our Cultural and Genealogy Research Center. Life shared of a Venue and Prevue. AISD, our children, AARP, Our Food Justice, our Agra-Justice. School for Deaf. A Farm Community. Our Culinary Schools,The University of Texas, School for the Blind,Texas Gardener, Local News,"The Interview" Our Volunteer opportunity.
The Free Man. Others and growing.

The Move: This move is made a sizable move by being "Down Town Work". Area enough for a move sequence. The Move is a Historic House Move. A Suspension

Move. Cut Line at center side to side not front to back. Minimal intrusion to the upper room, almost none to the bottom. However, close 3'rd St, set a crane in 3'rd St. and suspend the second Floor, then down loaded. Reverse process at the to location. I spell it because, It takes more time in multiples. More space, that's not there, so even more time. Yearly, moving AISD portable classrooms ends July 15. It is the back up, the big stop to the schedule. COA, APD, and many many other costs and prep. Herve's people and workings need a projection so as to see the single path financial path forward. This Move must go on the move schedule now. Since 2015 the Land Owner has kept patient for the community. They bring a lot of light to city's. They will bring huge positives. He is done.

Herve" has moved her home in the dark by herself to a little trailer at location. With help of a big family has cut roads, Locations, Built plant and animal life environments Full time at the Museum, Then Garden, and more. I have seen a lot of moves, locations, the people. This one seems to have just happened.

I know, and I have seen, the tough decisions and late nights by Staff and HLMC. When I say I am grateful I know. I have always respected and honored the decisions of Staff and the Commission. Permit released there will be no deviations. We will give updates to Staff if wanted. We ask that you please release the Relocation Permit. I ask for your blessing, prayers, and help. We must require a vote to release the permit on the night of July 5, 2023. This a vote with out postponement or prejudice. It will be forthright and best for all of our causes. It is best for this house. For The historic House. For Austin. For the people.

Genuinely,
Warren Wellborn