

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**  
**HR-2023-087195, C14H-2002-0017**  
**GATEWOOD HOUSE**  
**2900 TARRY TRAIL**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Construct fence with gates and install new landscaping at front of house. Construct new landscape elements at rear.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Replace existing pavement with stone.
- 2) Install a new stone fence with wooden gates at front elevation.
- 3) Install new landscaping at front and rear of house.
- 4) Construct wooden garden folly, pergola, and arbor in backyard.
- 5) Construct fire pit in backyard.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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The 2002 historic zoning review report describes the house as “a high-style Tudor ‘cottage,’ complete with limestone exteriors, cross-gabled roof with steeply pitched gables, hand-cut wood shake roof, half-timbered effects, decorative wood brackets, wood casement and sash windows, front/rear turrets with conical roofs, and porches with substantial hand-crafted brackets.”<sup>1</sup>

## **DESIGN STANDARDS**

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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. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

### *Sites and streetscapes*

#### *1. Vegetation, topography, and landscaping*

The proposed project does not appear to affect any character-defining permanent landscape features. While the proposal does not replace the front lawn, the fence will alter its open context.

#### *2. Walls and fences*

The proposed materials, style, and scale are compatible with the architectural style and period of the building, but they do not appear adequately differentiated from the historic structure.

### *Summary*

The project meets some of the applicable standards.

## **COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

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Differentiate front fence and gate material from historic fabric by using metal instead of wood. Pull fence further from house where open lawn exists.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Concur with Committee feedback. Approve rear landscape alterations but request that applicant return with a street-elevation design that retains more of the open feel of the front lawn and simplifies the existing gate designs.

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<sup>1</sup> “ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET: C14H-02-0017.” City of Austin Historic Preservation Office. 2002.

# LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

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LOCATION: 2900 Tarry Trail

1" = 167'

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