

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
OCTOBER 4, 2023
HR-2023-087195, C14H-2002-0017
GATEWOOD HOUSE
2900 TARRY TRAIL

PROPOSAL

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

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 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

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.”¹

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. 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

Differentiate front fence and gate material from historic fabric by using metal instead of wood and/or by lowering the fence height. Pull fence further from house where open lawn exists. Retain open, grassy lawn instead of proposed landscaping.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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.

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

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: C14H-2002-0017

LOCATION: 2900 Tarry Trail

1" = 167'

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