

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2023**  
**HR-2023-149250; GF-2023-150349**  
**WILLIAM PILLOW HOUSE**  
**1407 WEST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Revise a proposal approved by the Historic Landmark Commission in April 2023.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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Revisions include updates to the pool, hardscape, and fencing; revising the approved trellis at driveway to a new wood and steel design, and a new exterior door added to the west elevation of the house.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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The 1976 historic zoning application describes the house as follows:

Built in 1877...Its design is reminiscent of a New Orleans townhouse, with a tall, thin, curving staircase... The house is a two-story wood frame house, originally including six rooms, three brick fireplaces with common flue built by John Butler, a bay window, and a front porch with gallery. The kitchen with its own brick chimney for the stove was separate from the main house, but connected by a passageway...It is built of pine with the exception of the cedar posts on which it rests. The door and window casings are plain 5 inch pine boards; the floors are well-seasoned pine tongue and groove...Alterations include: 1939--front porch and gallery exchanged for pillars, addition of back and side porches. 1974--addition of room over original kitchen.<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:

### *Repair and alterations*

#### *5. Windows, doors, and screens*

The new door opening appears appropriate for the building, and compatible with its architectural character.

### *Sites and streetscapes*

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

The proposed trellis appears light in design and does not introduce materials that form a false sense of history. The retaining wall, proposed to be demolished, does not appear original to the property. Proposed metal fencing is less than 4' tall and highly transparent, though proposed pool fencing is not; however, the pool fencing does not obscure the historic house.

### *Summary*

The project mostly meets the applicable standards.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

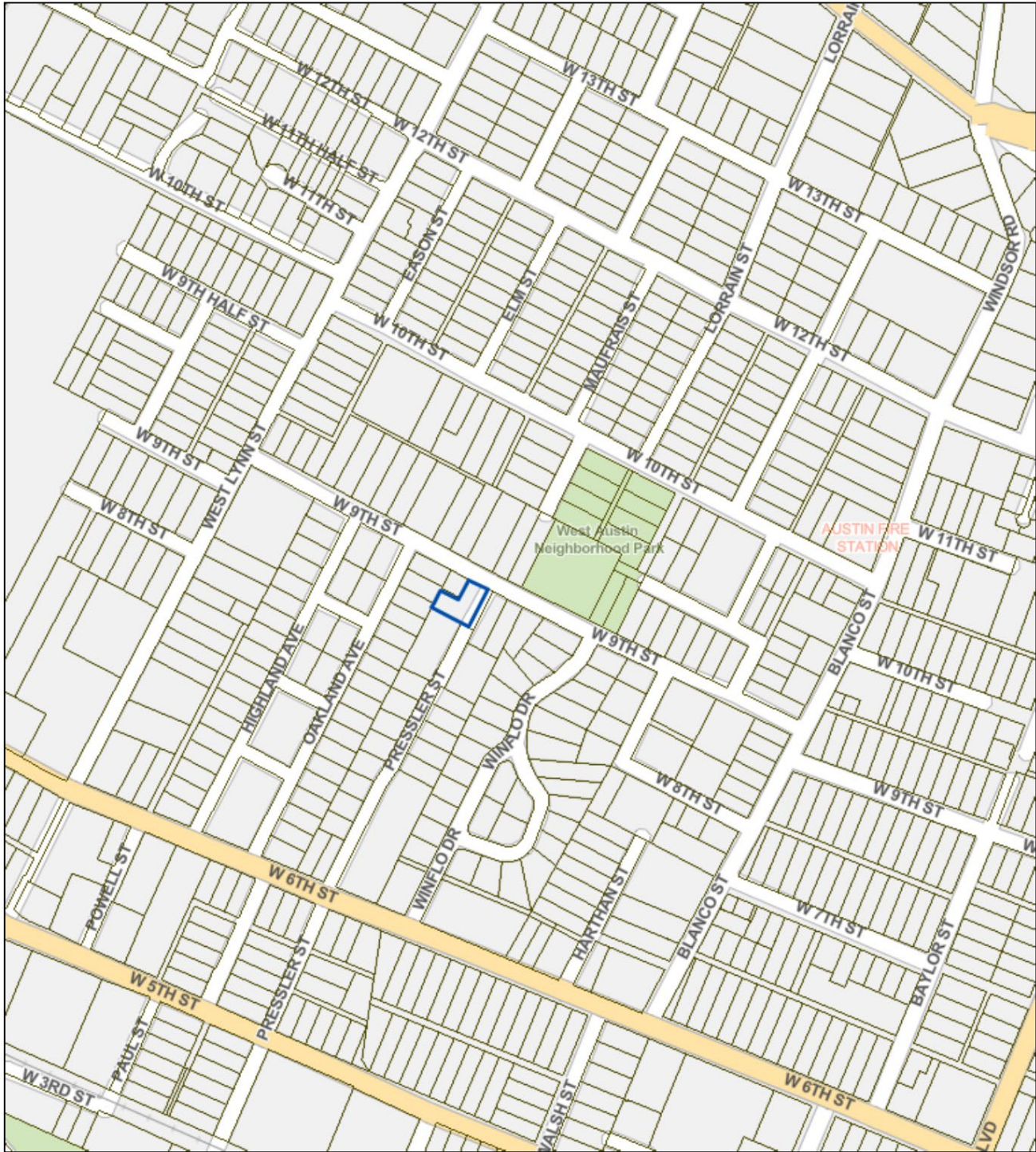
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Approve the application.

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<sup>1</sup> "Zoning Change Review Sheet: C14H-1976-0005." Historic Preservation Office, 1976.

## LOCATION MAP






1: 4800

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