From:	Contreras, Kalan
To:	Fahnestock, Sam
Subject:	FW: 1621 W 14th St - HLC Referral & Fees
Date:	Monday, January 8, 2024 7:42:40 AM

Please post this to backup. Thanks!

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From: dashy ahmed <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 3:54 PM
To: Fahnestock, Sam <Sam.Fahnestock@austintexas.gov>; Contreras, Kalan <Kalan.Contreras@austintexas.gov>; HPD Preservation <Preservation@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Re: 1621 W 14th St - HLC Referral & Fees

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Good Afternoon,

I'm emailing to let you know that we are still waiting for our updated design plans to be finalized. Our design contractor has been unusually busy and has not been able to work on our project for some time. We're expecting them by January 15th. I emailed prior to the last HLC meeting as well as the last ARC meeting, but it appears that the information was not passed on to the commissioners. If you could please let them know that we are making changes as discussed in the November ARC meeting, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you!
Darcy Ahmed

On Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM dashy ahmed [redacted] wrote:

> Good Morning,
> I'm forwarding this email thread to you, as recommended by Ms. Allen. We are in the process of making updates to our design (for 1621 W 14th ST.), and wanted to keep the commissioners informed.
> Please let me know if you have any questions.
> Thankyou,
> Darcy
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> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **dashy ahmed** [redacted]>

Date: Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 10:57 AM
Subject: Re: 1621 W 14th St - HLC Referral & Fees
To: Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov>, <preservation@austintexas.gov>

Good Morning Amber,

I wanted to send an update before the upcoming ARC meeting on Wednesday. We are not able to attend due to work and medical appointment issues, and we don't have visual depictions of our design changes as we are still waiting for the updated plans. We will submit them as soon as we get them for review. If possible, please let the committee members know that we are working on changes to our plans, as they seemed to be unaware of this at the last HLC meeting (I do realize that the email I sent was a day before the meeting and may not have been read in time).

Thanks so much,
Darcy

On Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 1:54 PM dashy ahmed [redacted] > wrote:

> Hi Amber,
>
> Our architect is still working on the changes we've asked for, so we don't have any plans to submit before the meeting tomorrow. We'll get them to you when they're done!
>
> Thanks,
> Darcy
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> On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 4:37 PM dashy ahmed < [redacted] > wrote:
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>> apologies for this late request (we thought we had to make the request 24h in advance (and didn't realize the deadline was noon of the day prior)).
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>> (we were planning on appearing in person but some child care issues have cropped up.)
>>
>> thanks,
>> ash
>>
>> On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 3:58 PM dashy ahmed [redacted] wrote:
>>
>>> hello, regarding the HLC hearing tomorrow for the property at 1621 W. 14th St, my wife, darcy ahmed, would like to register to speak via zoom (?) at the meeting.
>>>
>>> thanks,
>>> ash

On Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 10:03 PM dashy ahmed <[redacted] wrote:

> hello amber,
>
> we reviewed the staff report on our proposed project (**1621 W. 14th St.**) and had a couple of questions regarding the report and the upcoming HLC meeting.
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> - the "Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark" section indicates that this property is not a candidate for landmark status.(as it doesn't meet a minimum of 2/5 sub-criteria in criteria #3).
> is that correct?
>
> - then, the "Staff Recommendation" states
> "Comment on plans and invite the applicant to the Architectural Review Committee"
>
> there's not much information on the architectural review committee, but what is the purpose of this (presumably, separate) meeting? especially, given that this house definitively does not meet the criteria for landmark status?
>
> thanks!
> ash
>
> On Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM dashy ahmed <[redacted]> wrote:
>
>> Great, thanks so much!
>>
>> On Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 11:34 AM Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> Hi Darcy,
>>>
>>> You are correct! If you plan on attending in-person, then you can just sign-up to speak in the binder that will be in the lobby before the meeting starts.
>>>
>>> Thanks!
>>>
>>> **Amber Allen**
>>> Planner III, Historic Preservation Office
>>> City of Austin – Planning Department
>>> T: 512.974.3393
>>> E: Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov
>>>
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>>> **From:** dashy ahmed <[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:32 AM
To: Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Re: 1621 W 14th St - HLC Referral & Fees

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Hi Amber,

This is Darcy Ahmed (one owner of the property discussed above). It looks like we only need to register to speak in advance if we are attending the meeting virtually, is that correct? We plan on being there in-person, but I just wanted to make sure we don't need to register in advance to speak on the project.

Thanks,
Darcy

On Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 9:28 PM dashy ahmed <[redacted]> wrote:

> sorry, i realized that your email mentioned the staff report i was asking about.
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> On Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 7:23 PM dashy ahmed [redacted]> wrote:
>
> > hi amber, thanks for your quick response and, especially for the reminder to get our payment in today. i believe david's company has taken care of the payment a little while ago today so hopefully we should be good for the upcoming HLC meeting on dec 1.
> >
> > one other question, and no rush on the answer as i believe you're out-of-office for a few days, but my understanding is that city staff will produce a report of some sort on our house/property to share with the HLC. i assume we will be getting a copy of this prior to the meeting?
> >
> > thanks!
> > ash
> >
> > On Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 1:43 PM Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Hi Ash,
> > >
> > > Yes, you are correct. The referral of this project is mostly a formality per City of Austin Code and the City of Austin Historic Design Guidelines. Our

staff will execute a staff report to review the project and present the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) with a staff recommendation at the meeting. The Commission will review the project, the staff report, and the recommendation and will take action on the project. As stated in my original email below, the staff reports and recommendations will be posted to the HLC website prior to the meeting for public review.

Since this property is designated as contributing to a National Register District, the HLC only has **advisory** power over the review. This means they cannot "approve/deny" the project, but rather "release/hold" their review up to 75 days per City of Austin Code. The 75-day clock begins the day of the meeting, November 1st. during the next 75 days, the Commission can either release their review, postpone the review to the next meeting (up to 2 additional meetings within 75 days), or take no action and then staff will automatically release the project on the 75th day.

Most often, the HLC is performing their due diligence to review and comment on the proposed project and how appropriate it is for this surrounding historic area. Like I said, it is advisory review, but still required per City of Austin Code.

Please note that fees are due TODAY. If fees are not paid by the deadline, it will be pushed to the next scheduled meeting, Wednesday, December 13th.

Thanks,

Amber Allen

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From: dashy ahmed <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 9:34 AM
To: Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov>
Cc: David K <[redacted]
Subject: Re: 1621 W 14th St - HLC Referral & Fees

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hello amber,

my name is ash ahmed and my wife and i are the owner of this property.

as we have no prior experience with this process, i had a question or two to understand how this works.

and my understanding is that, at a high-level, one of two outcomes are possible at the HLC meeting.

one outcome is that the commission decides to initiate a historic zoning case to convert the house to a landmark. is that correct?
and the other outcome, if the commission decides not to initiate such a case, is that the historic review is complete and the permit will be approved. (potentially with suggestions.)

is the above generally correct?

further, with respect to the first outcome, ie if the HLC decides to initiate landmark zoning, it is based on (atleast) 2/5 criteria like architecture, historical associations etc.
also, if the HLC decides to initiate a case, there are at least two further votes that will be taken, with the last one being at the city council level (and both needing a 3/4 vote in favor)?

is my general understanding of this process correct?

thanks!
ash

On Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 8:31 AM David K <[redacted]> wrote:

> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Allen, Amber** <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov>
> Date: Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 10:31 AM
> Subject: RE: 1621 W 14th St - HLC Referral & Fees
> To: David K <[redacted]>

Hi David,

This property is designated as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. Per our review of the application you submitted, the proposed scope of work required referral to the Historic Landmark Commission for formal review per City of Austin Code and the City of Austin Historic Design Standards.

For this specific project, these elements of your application were flagged for referral:

- Addition/remodel that effects the entire exterior, including front elevation

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Amber Allen

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From: David K [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Re: 1621 W 14th St - HLC Referral & Fees

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Hey Amber, I am not sure how to go about it, what does that mean regarding the project, why does it need to go on the agenda and is it a mandatory step in order to move forward with the project?

On Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 3:27 PM Allen, Amber <Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov> wrote:

> Dear David,
>
> You project at 1621 W 14th Street has been referred to the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) for formal review. Please see the attached invoice for the referral fees. This invoice will have to be paid prior to **October 12th, 2023** for your case to appear on the next HLC

agenda. If the invoice is not paid in time, the case will be scheduled for the following meeting.

The Historic Landmark Commission meeting will occur:

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023
6:00 P.M.
City Hall – Council Chambers
301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701

If you plan on attending in person:

- The meeting will take place at City Hall (301 W. 2nd Street) in Council Chambers and will begin at 6:00pm.
    - Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early
    - There is parking available in the garage underneath City Hall. There will be information in the lobby to validate parking yourself.
    - If you wish to speak on an item, please be sure to sign-in using the binder that will be set out in the lobby prior to the start of the meeting.

If you plan to call-in and attend the meeting remotely:

- The deadline to register to speak remotely is Tuesday, October 3rd by noon. No exceptions.
- Send an email to preservation@austintexas.gov (or my direct email address) with the following information:
    - Name
    - Email address
    - Phone number you will be calling in with
    - Project address
    - For/Against the proposed project
- You will receive an email from me the morning of the meeting with call-in information.

The meeting is also broadcast live via ATXN both online and cable channel 6. We recommend at least one representative from each project attend the meeting either in-person or remotely in case the Commission has any questions regarding your project. *Please forward this information to the rest of your team, as I only send out HLC emails to the applicant of record.*

Submission of revised drawings or supplemental materials for STAFF REPORTS:

- This deadline is for items you wish to be implemented into the formal staff reports and recommendations to be reviewed by the Commissioners ahead of the meeting. The deadline to submit these items is Monday, October 23rd by end of day.

Submission of presentations or additional materials:

- The deadline to submit these items is the day before the meeting, Tuesday, October 31st by noon. No exceptions.

The formal meeting agenda, final staff reports and recommendation, supporting documents, and submitted public comments will be posted no later than 3 p.m. on October 27th at the HLC website: https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/31_1.htm

Let me know if you have any questions ahead of the meeting.

Thanks,

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David K.
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David K.

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