

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
MARCH 6, 2024
C14H-1983-0003; HR-2024-015565
KOPPEL BUILDING
320 CONGRESS AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Paint the building's exterior and replace the awnings.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-part commercial block ca. 1888.

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:

Repair and alterations

4. Exterior walls and trim

The proposed project appears to add paint to unpainted limestone sills, arches, and column detailing (elements labeled "Ammonite" in the proposal).

11. Commercial storefronts

The proposed project does not construct new awnings but replaces the existing awnings with new fabric.

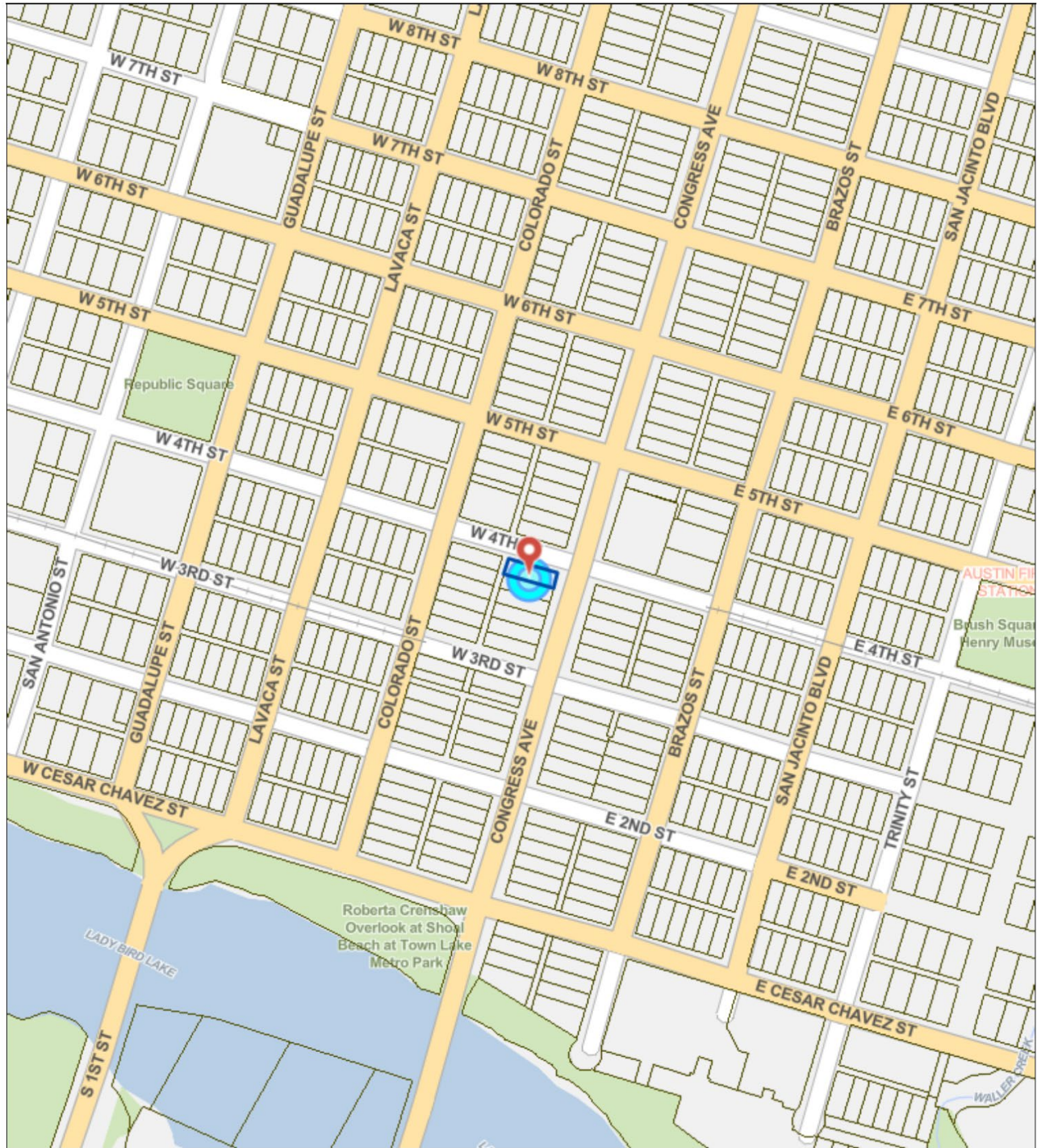
Summary

The project meets the applicable standards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve paint only for previously painted surfaces, encouraging the applicant to conduct a historic paint analysis to determine the original paint color, and to explore the feasibility of restoring any original unpainted masonry rather than repainting it. Deny the request to paint bare limestone detailing.

LOCATION MAP



Lot Lines
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1: 4800

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Google Street View, 2022





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