

**From:** [jules.caplan](#)  
**To:** [Contreras, Kalan](#)  
**Cc:** [Fahnestock, Sam](#); [Harden, Joi](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 2024-018182  
**Date:** Monday, March 25, 2024 5:58:09 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Please see an email under separate from the former owner providing his support for demolition. I will send you tomorrow, photographs showing the condition of the property and the fact that the house is not visible from Windsor Road nor Windsor Road East. I hope that you will support demolition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jules



On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, Contreras, Kalan <[Kalan.Contreras@austintexas.gov](mailto:Kalan.Contreras@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

Thanks for bringing this to my attention. Unfortunately, Amber was mistaken in her assessment, likely due to the complex nature of the site and its unit numbering; she did not consult with our team about either the property's referral potential or about your communication with her. I recently performed a site visit to this property and determined that the mid-century building located between Windsor and East Windsor roads, previously owned by the Trueman O'Quinn family, would require Commission review due to both its contributing status in the historic district and its potential eligibility as a historic landmark.

While Amber is no longer with the City of Austin, please know that I have escalated this issue to our division manager, Zoning Officer Joi Harden, who is also copied on this e-mail. I sincerely apologize for this mistake and am happy to discuss future properties with you to determine Code-required referrals to the Historic Landmark Commission.

Old West Austin	
Address	2307 WINDSOR RD, AUSTIN, TX, 78703
Alt. Address	2307 Windsor Rd
Status	Contributing
Build Date	1950
Property Type	

With gratitude,



**Kalan Contreras**

*MSHP | Historic Preservation Officer*

City of Austin Planning Department

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**From:** jules caplan [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:42 PM  
**To:** Fahnestock, Sam <[Sam.Fahnestock@austintexas.gov](mailto:Sam.Fahnestock@austintexas.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Allen, Amber <[Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov](mailto:Amber.Allen@austintexas.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: 2024-018182

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Dear Sam,

This would be a big problem. Amber Allen in her capacity as Planner III in the Historic Preservation office repeatedly assured me and others in multiple emails that the City would not review for Historic, that this was not a contributing structure. Copies of those emails are included and made a part of the demolition application. I purchased this property relying on the fact that Ms. Allen established that this was not a Contributing Structure and that it would not be reviewed for Historic. I ask that your team communicate with Amber and rule on this consistent with her previous declaration of fact that I have relied upon, that this is not a Contributing Structure and not subject to review.

Sincerely,

Jules

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, Fahnestock, Sam <[Sam.Fahnestock@austintexas.gov](mailto:Sam.Fahnestock@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Forgot to copy Karen! I'd also like to amend that the second building we're concerned with, the only contributing structure, is the mid-century modern building and it is a primary building on the site.


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**From:** Fahnestock, Sam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:02 PM  
**To:** jules caplan <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: 2024-018182

Dear Jules,

Thanks so much for sending this confirmation email! I've forwarded it to our reviewer, and she is requesting photos and a site plan of what is being demolished. Would that be possible to send over?

Thank you,

 <p><b>PLANNING DEPARTMENT</b></p>	<p><b>Sam Fahnestock</b> <i>Planner II</i> <b>City of Austin   Planning Department</b> P: (512) 974-3393 E: <a href="mailto:sam.fahnestock@austintexas.gov">sam.fahnestock@austintexas.gov</a> <a href="#">1000 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas</a></p>
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**From:** jules caplan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 3:48 PM  
**To:** Fahnestock, Sam <[Sam.Fahnestock@austintexas.gov](mailto:Sam.Fahnestock@austintexas.gov)>  
**Cc:** Karen Rodewald <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 2024-018182

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Dear Ms. Fahnestock,

Thank you for speaking with me today regarding this demolition application. Per our conversation, we withdraw the request to remove the secondary unit. We will only remove the primary house. I am copying the company that has filed the demolition application and have confirmed this intent with them. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Jules Caplan

[REDACTED]

owner

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