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Thank you, a quick follow up on this since you were so kind to summarize and offer to answer any questions:

**1) Sub-divide:** I am a bit confused if the demo is not (or even if it is) approved — is this a property that would allow to be split up with condos or is it limited to a single family home? And if so, there are some serious challenges to that property including:

A) Expansive clay soils on a slope.

B) Springs water that seeps out of slope and destabilizes the soil (and will require extensive civil engineering to create stability and properly manage drainage)

C) A ton of Landmark trees (larger the Heritage trees) are very, very close to house.

As the immediate next door neighbor this is a huge issue for us. If water is diverted to our property, it can destabilize the foundation, cause erosion of the bearing soil on which our home sits. If “renovation” happens the trees and drainage status quo should be maintained.

**2) LGBTQ community importance:** Is the city aware of the historical importance of this home to the LGBTQ history of the city? O'Quinn's son held many parties for the LGBTQ+ community at that house. It was THE party home for this community when there was far more discrimination and barriers for this community than the current moment.. It was a landmark for them as a safe, private place to gather away from scrutiny.. I just don't know if that's been documented and is definitely a truth about the home and its history.

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On Apr 23, 2024, at 9:41 AM, HPD Preservation <[Preservation@austintexas.gov](mailto:Preservation@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Aaron,

Thank you for writing in! I have saved your comments for backup, which the Commission will be able to view ahead of the hearing.

The staff report may be helpful for you. This contains all the research we have done on the property, including architectural significance and the significance of the people that lived there. It is available online here: [https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards\\_commissions/meetings/31\\_1.htm](https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/31_1.htm) The case was postponed from last month, so the report is under April 3<sup>rd</sup>'s meeting. It is #15.0.

I hope that's helpful! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Greetings,

We look forward to the buyer of this property to being a great neighbor, considerate to neighbors and the long-standing neighborhood look and feel!

At this point, we would object the proposed development change — as has been reflected in the document.

As noted below, we need to be more informed of

- Any historical designations associated with this property and structure already
- The historical significance of the property/structure whether designated or not (as I've heard and read a good bit living here for 9 years or so).

Also, while we don't know if this is related or not, we believe the structure and historical wall on East Windsor — including that cool gate should remain, we also sure hope the buyer and/or any potential builder will eventually build just one beautiful home respectful to the neighbors and neighborhood!

Thank you for all the work that you do!!!

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