HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness
December 2, 2026
HR-2026-146214
Weisiger-White House
4104 Avenue F

Proposal

Make minor window alterations and construct a carport, patio, and small structure at a City of Austin landmark.

Project Specifications

1) Change window openings at rear of the main house, at the location of a 2019 addition.
2) Construct a detached home gym and storage structure, along with a patio and carport, at the far side of the property from the main house.

Architecture

This property was designated as a City of Austin landmark in 1978. The original 1892 structure has seen two additions, both at the rear, in 2003 and 2019.

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

1. General standards

Alterations are all proposed to occur at an addition constructed in 2019 and will not affect the original 1892 structure.

3. Roofs

One skylight is proposed at the rear of the south elevation, which will be minimally visible from the street and located at the 2019 addition.

4. Exterior walls and trim

Some wall alterations will occur at a non-historic addition to allow for changes to fenestration. The final appearance will be more appropriate to the design of the original house than what is currently built.

5. Windows, doors, and screens

Three new windows, approximately matching the historic in size and shape, will be installed at the rear of the main building. These fixtures will read as distinct without being confused as original to the house.

Residential new construction

1. Location

New construction is to be located at the south side of the property, as far from the original structure as possible. It will also be set back from the front of the property so as not to interfere with the sightlines to and from the house.

2. Orientation

The gym/storage structure will appear to be oriented towards the side, facing the main house. This design is typical for a deferential structure across a front yard and will not be confused as being part of a different property. The carport will face the rear alley.

3. Scale, massing, and height

The scale of the gym/storage structure will be minimal in comparison to the main house, and its overall footprint is limited. It is to be a single-story, and the patio/deck adjacent to it will be partially transparent to further limit the visual scale.

4. Proportions
While there can be concerns about a structure with such a small footprint appearing too vertical, that is not the case here. The moderately pitched gable roof assembly does not add too much height, and the overall shape is appropriate to the structure's use.

5. Design and style
The structure, carport, and porch all use the design of the landmarked house as inspiration without appearing too similar in style. Each element reads as distinct but in service to an overall, well-designed, site plan.

6. Roofs
A front gabled roof matches the main house and is deferential to that design.

7. Exterior walls
Proposed siding will match the original house in orientation and sizing. While it was suggested by ARC to slightly differentiate the siding dimensions, it does not jeopardize the recommendation to match it exactly, given how much the rest of the design reads as distinct yet compatible.

8. Windows and doors
Proposed windows and doors are simple and appropriate to the property.

9. Porches
The porch screening is kept low and partially transparent, which balances privacy with not appearing imposing on the site.

Sites and streetscapes
5. Sidewalks, driveways, and parking
The proposed carport will use the existing rear alley for access, and will not require any curb cut or alterations for vehicular traffic at the front of the property.

Summary
The project meets the applicable standards.

Department Comments

This application will time out on February 15, 2027.

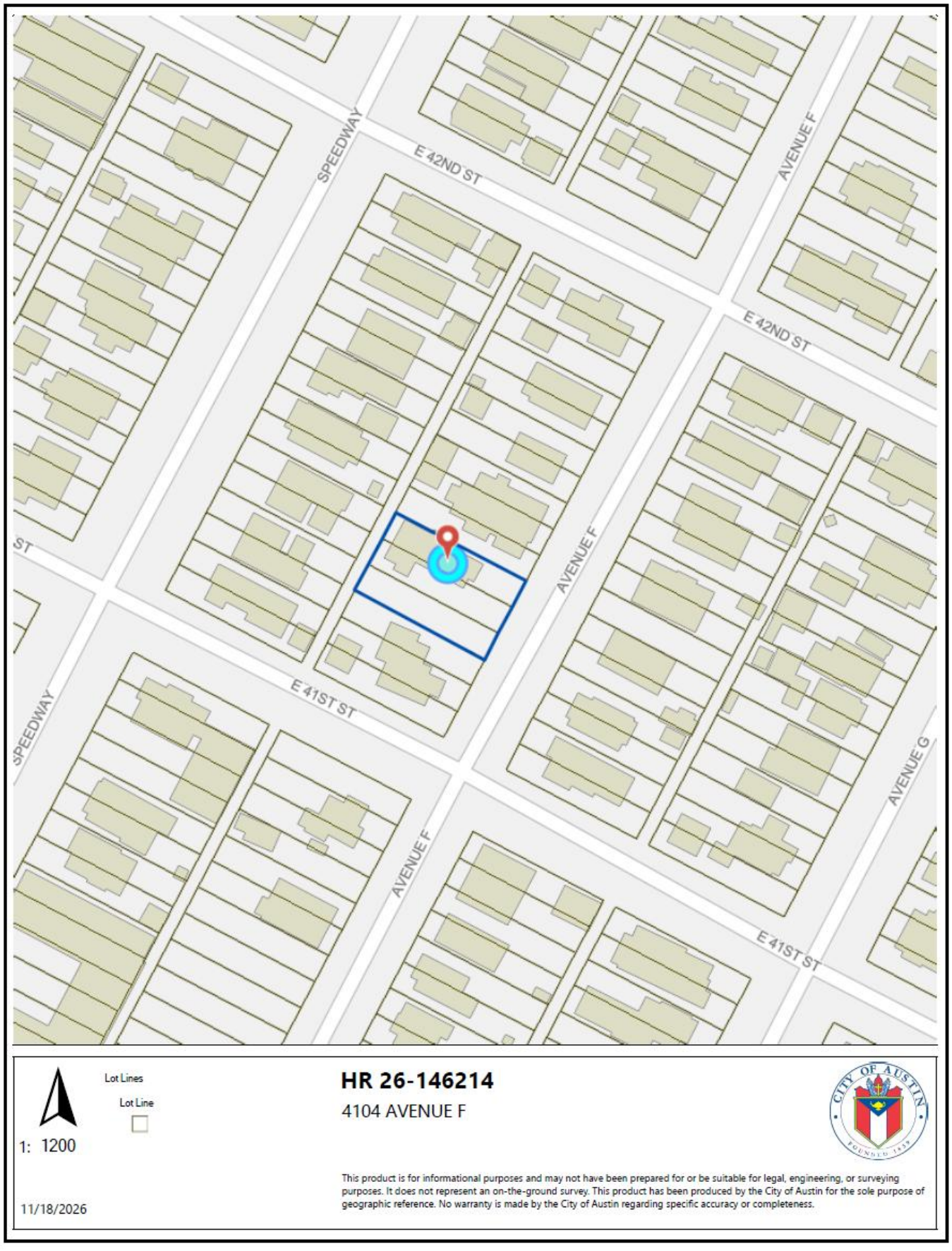
Architectural Review Committee Feedback

Consider using a slightly different dimension on the lap siding at the new construction to differentiate it from the historic, but the design is otherwise distinct yet compatible with previous addition campaigns.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Location Map



Property Information

Photos



Site visit, 2026