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**Subject:** FW: 801 Williamson Street

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 5:40 PM

To: Scanlon, Amy

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Dear Amy,

As you know, I am unable to attend the 31 July Landmarks Commission meeting [REDACTED]. I wanted to provide comments on 801 Williamson based on materials presented in the packet.

I toured the building back in the fall of 2016, and while I was not at the June meeting, I am fine with the demolition permit given the low integrity of this building and its condition.

It seems the outstanding issue (which resulted in the referral) was what would replace that building should it be demolished. The two ordinance sections specifically at issue (as identified in the staff report) relate to "new" construction.

for 41.18d: I do not see how this project would "frustrate the public interest." The building is compatible in its use as well as its size relative to other buildings on Williamson and in the 3rd Lake Ridge district as a whole, and the fact the building at present has very low integrity (due to a gutting 25 years ago as well as previous changes, which I saw on the tour last fall), I don't believe there's much there to preserve for said public interest.

for 41.23 I believe this project meets all standards. It is larger than the current building but NOT larger than the buildings within the visual compatibility area or the district as a whole. The rhythm of the massing and the openings fits with other buildings on the street and in the district. I see no issues here at all.

In terms of wall treatment, I prefer the all brick option (though the other one seems acceptable as well).

I know this cannot be considered testimony since I am not there, but I felt strongly enough I wanted to relay my thoughts.

Anna