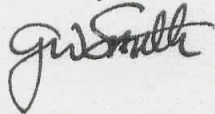


We understand that the Austin Historic Landmark Commission unanimously recommended that the building be zoned as a historic property, and are surprised that this recommendation was not revealed to the Austin Planning Commission when it was asked to consider the building's historic status. We strongly recommend that the recommendation of both the Austin Landmark Commission and the city preservation staff always be forwarded to the Austin Planning Commission and the Austin City Council as those bodies consider the application of historic zoning, to ensure that all levels of government – as well as the public – are given the opportunity to weigh all the available evidence in each case. This is especially important in instances such as this one when there is disagreement between city staff and the Landmark Commission.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 512/463-6013 or by email at [greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us). Thank you for your interest in preserving Texas' cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Smith", written in a cursive style.

Gregory W. Smith  
National Register Coordinator