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Blake Kaiser, Chair  
Historic Landmark Commission  
City Hall  
Bastrop, Texas 78602

RE: Certificate of Appropriateness for fence at 1404 Wilson Street

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

I contacted the city for a fence permit in October in order to repair/replace the backyard fencing of my home, Allen-Fowler House, located at 1404 Wilson Street.

The city has informed me that the file is complete and that they are satisfied with my proposal to replace the existing, badly deteriorated, wooden ranch style fencing with a custom black metal fence. This fence will be more appropriate to a historic home and will match the black metal fencing that already exists in front of the home.

Although the city may administratively approve similar proposals, my fencing will be 7 feet tall instead of the more common 6 foot fence. For this reason, the city advises that a Certificate of Appropriateness is required and have asked me to explain my request to you.

The reason I have proposed such a fence is primarily to keep deer out of the yard. Whitetail deer will commonly jump a 5 foot fence and even a 6 foot fence, although sometimes with harmful results. However, the fencing contractor and a wildlife biologist have explained to me that a 7 foot fence will be an effective deterrent to deer.

As you know from the file, this proposed fence is only in the back of the house and will still be a see-through fence like the front. My only neighbor in the back is Amy McCall who owns the former LCRA park behind me. She has looked at my proposal and has no objections. I have offered her contact information to the city as well.

Thank you and the Commission members for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey S. Connor