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City of Bastrop
Historic Landmark Commission
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602

Re: Crocheron House Restoration: Phase 1--SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR STANDARDS

To the Members of the Historic Landmark Commission:

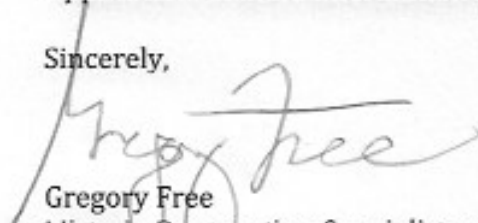
The entire project at all phases is especially designed to meet the criteria of the Secretary of the Interior Standards. As a Historic Preservation Specialist since 1975, I have worked within the Standards since their drafting, actually interfacing with the authors who were colleagues of mine at the time. I also used them as part of my curriculum when I taught 5th-year architects in the early 1980s.

The Crocheron House restoration project 's philosophy is planned to:

- execute all work in order to maintain the high integrity of this important structure
- minimally alter the existing structure in order to make it useful again as a residence
- restore rather than replace all materials, even consolidating deteriorated materials
- remove only those later alterations that were required for public use, and a intrusions upon the historic fabric of the building, ie; the large ADA ramp
- use no abrasive or damaging products or techniques in any aspect of the project
- restoring handrails, siding, flooring, etc. that deteriorated with matching materials
- protecting any archaeological resources by using a pier foundation and minimal trenching for utilities requiring repair or replacement; the General Contractor has written instructions to halt any work that might damage below-ground resources
- keep alterations to a minimum, adding only a rear porch designed to be secondary and entirely compatible with the existing structure

I trust this suffices as the Justification requirement for the Certificate of Appropriateness Application. If more information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Gregory Free
Historic Preservation Specialist and Project Manager