



CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

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To: Historic Review Board **Agenda Date:** 11/22/2022
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SUBJECT:

GLUA-22-00035: HR 22-00012 De-Designation or reduction of the size of a Landmark located at 13889 Cleveland Ave (A.D. Hill House)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends denial of the de-designation request (HR 22-0012) and recommends a reduction in the size of the Landmark at 13889 Cleveland Street (A..D Hill House) to allow options for redevelopment of some portion of the lot.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Applicant seeks to remove the landmark designation. The Applicant indicates that she was raised in the house her grandparents and mother previously owned. She indicates that her family did not give permission for the designation and believes the house does not warrant the distinction.

The A.D.Hill house is located on the southwest corner of a large 40,767 square-foot lot with mature landscaping with an identified but not formally delineated stream along the Harley Avenue frontage. The site was annexed into the City of Oregon City in 1989, and the house, and guesthouse to the rear, were locally designated in 1991.

Landmark Reduction

Since the October 25, 2022 HRB meeting, the Applicant has requested that the HRB look at options to reduce the size of the Landmark. Staff visited the site on November 8 and 14th to determine options for the reduction. While the house has generally remained in the same condition since the 2011 Landmarks resurvey, Staff found that the abutting landscaping beyond the house has not been kept up and is in generally fair to poor condition. Many of the smaller trees and shrubs look to be planted within the last 30-40 years and have not been maintained. The detached front garage appears to have aged significantly in the last decade. The outbuilding described in the Landmarks survey looks to be built in the 1930s-1940s, and was, at one time, used as a small bedroom. It is in fair to poor condition.

As part of the analysis for the reduction in the size of the Landmark, the Board will need to determine if the rear outbuilding should be retained within the boundary of the Landmark as a contributing structure

BACKGROUND:

See Staff Report and Recommendation document in the agenda item attachments.

OPTIONS:

1. Deny the request for de-designation and deny the request for Landmark reduction
2. Deny the request for de-designation and Approve the request for Landmark reduction (Option 1, Option 2 or an alternate option proposed by the Board)
3. Continue the hearing to Janaury 24, 2023 to request additional information.