

July 19, 2018

Re: Historic Preservation at Block 11, amended site plan

Dear Frisco Planning Commission,

Historic Preservation within Frisco is on a case by case basis and typically involves multiple community goals including sensitivity to historic resources, appropriate context and scale for the neighborhood, adequate parking and affordable housing, among other operational issues. The approved plan for Foote's Rest Block 11 is proposed to be amended to improve the sense of context and sense of place created with the Development Plan. As noted by neighbors and some Planning Commission members during the initial project review, the six historic resources were grouped together in a corner of the property with the Foote's Rest building remaining in its original location.

During construction level drawing development and finalization of the historic preservation plan for the treatment of the historic structures, the design team reassessed the location of the six historic buildings to provide more space for the relocated Staley Rouse House. The amended site plan proposed for review provides more space to the Staley Rouse House by locating Cabin 3 behind the Foote's Rest building, similar to it original (and current) location. Pulling Cabin 3 off the street provides adequate breathing room for the two story restored Staley Rouse House and the historic one story addition at the rear of the Staley House. Cabin 1 remains in a prominent location along the street, similar to the current condition. Cabin 2 is located behind the reconstructed Blacksmith Shop.

In my professional opinion, the amended site plan is a better preservation solution that proposes shifting Cabin 3 closer to its historic location, and provides more space around the Staley Rouse House allowing for preservation of the rear porch.

Sincerely,

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