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Cameron Robertson  
City of Denton  
400 N. Elm Street  
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Re: *Recorded Texas Historic Landmark project review, 1927 Denton City Hall, 221 North Elm Street, Denton, Denton County, Texas (RTHL 18096)*

Dear Mr. Cameron Robertson,

Thanks to City of Denton and Architexas for submitting the proposed project application for the 1927 Denton City Hall (West), which has been designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) since 2015. This letter presents the comments on the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

The Texas Historical Commission Division of Architecture staff, led by Alex Toprac, completed its review of the submitted project proposal, design plans, and specifications, received on April 22, 2022. Our staff acknowledges the proposed exterior scope of work notably includes, but is not limited to, demolition of the north elevator addition to accommodate the restoration/reconstruction of the historic north & west elevation of the north façade at the associated location, which will consist of replacement of non-historic window assemblies on the north and west (currently interior) elevations with metal clad divided-light wood sash window and transom assemblies, replacement of an unoriginal door (currently interior) on the west elevation with a partially-glazed, metal-clad wood door, reconstruction of the cast stone window panels and water table to match existing panels at window type E, as well as restoration of the clock tower cast stone balustrade using dutchman repair and epoxy injection into cracks. Our staff further acknowledges that the proposed replacement exterior door and window assemblies, including transoms, will characteristically match the most recently installed metal-clad wood replacement door and window assemblies on the other elevations of the building; which were reviewed by our staff in fulfillment of the property's RTHL designation requirements, in 2019, and found to meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation in being based on historic photo-documentation and part of an effort to replace inappropriate non-historic fenestration.

The Texas Historical Commission staff determined that the scope of work appropriately meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Therefore, we hereby waive the remainder of the RTHL review period, and work may proceed at this time. Thank you for your interest in the cultural heritage of Texas, and for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. If you have any questions concerning our review, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Alex Toprac at [alex.toprac@thc.texas.gov](mailto:alex.toprac@thc.texas.gov) or 512/463-6183.

Sincerely,

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Gary Hayden, Denton County Historical Commission, Chair, via email