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April 17, 2013

Barbara Johnson, Executive Director
 Heard-Craig Center for the Arts
 205 West Hunt Street
 McKinney, Texas 75069

Re: *Recorded Texas Historic Landmark project review: Heard-Craig House, 205 West Hunt Street, McKinney, Collin County (RTHL, NRHP)*

Dear Ms. Johnson:


Thank you for sending information regarding proposed work at the Heard-Craig House which was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) in 1975 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1987. This letter represents the comments of the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

The review staff, led by Adam Alsobrook, has reviewed the documentation provided for this project. Based on the letter and attachments which we received on April 16, 2013, we understand that you propose to install a commercial-grade, dry-pipe fire suppression system on all levels (basement, first floor, second floor, and attic) of the Heard-Craig House. We understand that this system is to be installed by making as few holes in the walls and ceilings as possible in order to protect the integrity of the interior spaces of this historic building. We also understand that the exterior appearance of the building will not change as a result of this project. The details and installation methods of your fire suppression system project appear to be very similar to a project our agency undertook at our Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site in Paris (Lamar County).

We have determined that this proposed fire suppression system installation project meets the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* and is appropriate for this designated historic building. We support your decision to take measures to protect your historic building and valuable cultural collections. Thank you for your efforts to protect the historic integrity of the structure. We hereby waive the remainder of the waiting period and the work may proceed immediately. Please contact our office immediately if currently unforeseen conditions require changes to your construction plans. We are providing a copy of this letter to Ms. Cindy Schneible at the McKinney Community Development Corporation.

Thank you for your interest in the cultural heritage of Texas, and for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project in accordance with Recorded Texas Historic Landmark legislation. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Adam Alsobrook at 512/463-6183.**

Sincerely,


 Adam Alsobrook, Project Reviewer
 For: Mark Wolfe, Executive Director

cc: Paula Ross, Chair, Collin County Historical Commission
 Cindy Schneible, McKinney Community Development Corporation

