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Ms. Vista Ezzati  
Community Development Department  
City of Glendale  
633 East Broadway, Room 103  
Glendale, CA 91206

**RE: 345 West Kenneth Road, PDR 1707193**

Dear Ms. Ezzati,

The Glendale Historical Society is grateful for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed accessory structure at 345 West Kenneth Road (PDR 1707193). Our not-for-profit organization has more than 700 members and works to preserve and celebrate Glendale's rich history and remaining architectural heritage.

The project site for the proposed accessory structure (a pool house) is a contributor to the Brockmont Park Historic District. TGHS is concerned that this project has been assigned to Administrative Design Review rather than being referred to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for design review.

TGHS believes that design review by the HPC is the appropriate protocol for accessory structures for historic district contributors. HPC members have a thorough understanding of historic districts and their purposes and guidelines, and possess the specialized knowledge to make informed judgments, guided by professional staff and input from the public, regarding the design of accessory structures for historic district contributors.

In addition, we believe the City should be consistent in how it conducts design review of accessory structures for historic district contributors. Recently, an accessory structure was proposed at 305 West Kenneth Road, which is also a contributor to the Brockmont Park Historic District. In that case, design review was assigned to the Historic Preservation Commission. We can see no reason why one project was assigned to Administrative Design Review and another was referred to the HPC.

The Glendale Historical Society (TGHS) advocates for the preservation of important Glendale landmarks, supports maintaining the historic character of Glendale's neighborhoods, educates the public about and engages the community in celebrating and preserving Glendale's history and architectural heritage, and operates the Doctors House Museum. TGHS is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and donations to TGHS are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

As TGHS has requested on previous projects, there should be more thorough staff analysis of how this project complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and thus is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). We are concerned that the height of the proposed pool house is too tall in relation to the existing structures on the property and should be modified, as well as moved farther from the street, to be visually subordinate to them.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request that the project be referred to the HPC for design review.

Sincerely,

*Greg Grammer*

Greg Grammer, President  
The Glendale Historical Society