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HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPEALS BOARD PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

APPLICANT: Mr. Felix Ramirez, Owner **ADDRESS: 7603 Wilmerdean St.**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 24, Block 44, Glenbrook Valley Section 9

HISTORIC DISTRICT: Glenbrook Valley Historic District

Project Summary:

On February 13, 2020, the applicant requested a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to

- Remove jalousie windows and replace with 6 over 6 white aluminum windows.
- Remove original shaker style siding and replace with cementitious lapboard siding.

The work was completed without a COA or Building Permit prior to applying to the HAHC.

At their April 2020 meeting, the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) reviewed the applicant's request for a Certificate of Appropriateness and denied the application. The HAHC issued a Certificate of Remediation (COR) calling for the removal of the 2 windows installed without a COA and installation of mill finished, 2 over 2, horizontal light division windows in their place. No requirement was made to return the siding to original.

HAHC determined the installation of the new windows and replacement of the siding **did not meet Criteria 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9** for approval for **Alterations** found in Chapter 33 Section 33-241(a). HAHC voted 13-0 to deny the request. A Certificate of Remediation was proposed and the HAHC voted 13-0 to approve a COR.

In accordance with Chapter 33 Section 33-253, the applicant is appealing to the Historic Preservation Appeals Board (HPAB) for the denial for the installation of the new windows and siding and issuance of a COR calling for the removal of the 2 windows installed without a COA and installation of mill finished, 2 over 2, horizontal light division windows in their place

Charge to the Historic Preservation Appeals Board:

According to Section 33-253. (c):

"The HPAB shall reverse or affirm the decision of the HAHC based upon the criteria applicable to the certificate of appropriateness."

Property Description:

Contributing Traditional Ranch style residence constructed circa 1957.

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Criteria of Approval:

Alterations: To alter a contributing structure, the project must meet 11 criteria found in Section 33-241. These criteria are:

- 1. The proposed activity must retain and preserve the historical character of the property;
- 2. The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use;
- 3. The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance;
- 4. The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment;
- 5. The proposed activity must maintain or replicate distinctive stylistic exterior features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize the building, structure, object or site;
- 6. New materials to be used for any exterior feature excluding what is visible from public alleys must be visually compatible with, but not necessarily the same as, the materials being replaced in form, design, texture, dimension and scale;
- 7. The proposed replacement of missing exterior features, if any, should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by available historical, physical or pictorial evidence, where that evidence is available, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other structures:
- 8. Proposed additions or alterations must be done in a manner that, if removed in the future, would leave unimpaired the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object or site;
- 9. The proposed design for any exterior alterations or addition must not destroy significant historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural material, including but not limited to siding, windows, doors and porch elements;
- 10. The proposed alteration or addition must be compatible with the massing, size, scale material and character of the property and the context area; and
- 11. The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance to the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area.

The HAHC determined that the completed project was not appropriate as it did not satisfy criteria 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9

Applicant's Grounds for Appeal:

Economic hardship.

Exhibits:

- 1. Action report from HAHC meeting of April 23, 2020
- 2. Unofficial Transcript of HAHC meeting of April 23, 2020
- 3. Approved minutes of April 23, 2020 meeting of the HAHC

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Sec. 33-253. Appeal.

- (a) The Historic Preservation Appeals Board ("HPAB") is hereby created. The HPAB shall consist of 5 members and shall consist of two former members of the planning commission, two former members of the HAHC, and one citizen representative that has not served on either commission. Each member shall have extraordinary knowledge and experience in the archaeological, architectural, cultural, social, economic, ethnic or political history of the city, and must have a known and demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in historic preservation within the city. Members of the HPAB shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council. Each member shall serve for a term of two years and shall hold over until the member's successor is appointed. A member may be appointed to serve consecutive terms. The director, or in his absence or inability to act, a deputy director or assistant director of the department shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member and as executive secretary to the HPAB. Three members of the HPAB shall constitute a quorum; however, in the event of vacancies on the HPAB, a majority of the members of the HPAB shall constitute a quorum. The HPAB shall elect its own chair and vice-chair. The mayor shall assign a staff member to serve as a liaison between the HPAB and the mayor's office. The HPAB shall adopt rules, procedures, and schedules for meetings as are necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this article and shall meet as needed when notified by the director of an appeal from a decision of the HAHC.
- (b) An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the HAHC with respect to any certificate of appropriateness may appeal to the HPAB by filing a written notice of appeal, stating the grounds for the appeal, with the director within ten days following the date the HAHC renders its decision, or in the case of an application for a certificate of appropriateness for demolition, the notice of appeal may be filed with the director not earlier than 90 days after the denial of a certificate of appropriateness by the HAHC as provided for in section 33-247(f) of this Code and not later than 120 days after the denial by HAHC. The director shall notify the members of the HPAB of the receipt of a notice of appeal and shall schedule a meeting of the HPAB to consider the appeal.
- (c) The HPAB shall consider the appeal within 45 days after a notice of appeal is filed with the director. The HPAB shall consider the application, the findings of the HAHC, written comments from the public, and any evidence presented at the meeting at which the appeal is considered. The HPAB shall reverse or affirm the decision of the HAHC based upon the criteria applicable to the certificate of appropriateness. If the HPAB does not make a decision on the appeal within 45 days after a notice of appeal is filed with the director, the decision of the HAHC with respect to the application for the certificate of appropriateness shall be deemed affirmed.
- (d) The director shall provide the applicant with notice of the time and place of the meeting at which each appeal will be considered by mail no less than ten days before the date of the meeting.
- (e) An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the HPAB may appeal to the city council. The city council shall consider the appeal at its first regularly scheduled meeting for which the required notice can be given. The city council shall consider the appeal under the provisions of Rule 12 of section 2-2 of this Code. At the conclusion of the city council's review of the matter, the city council shall reverse or affirm the decision of the HPAB. The decision of the city council shall be final and exhaust the applicant's administrative remedies.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – ACTION REPORT

Application Date: February 13, 2020

Applicant: Felix A. Ramirez, Owner

Property: 7603 Wilmerdean Street

Significance: Contributing Traditional Ranch style residence, constructed circa 1957, located in the Glenbrook

Valley Historic District.

Proposal: Project Type – Without a permit changed siding and window on front elevation.

• Remove jalousie windows and replacement with six over six aluminum windows.

Removal of original shaker style siding and replacement with cementitious lapboard siding

See Attachments A and B for details

Public Comment:

Civic Association:

Recommendation: Denial - does not satisfy criteria: Staff recommends issuance of a COR for the work as

completed, with the siding to be painted to match the existing siding and the doubling of

the application fee for the permit as allowed.

HAHC Action: Denied

Certificate of Remediation issued calling for the removal of the 2 windows installed without

a COA and installation of mill finished, 2 over 2, horizontal light division windows in their

place.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Basis for Issuance: Denial – COR issued Effective: April 23, 2020



COA valid for two years from effective date. COA is in addition to any other permits or approvals required by municipal, state and federal law. Permit plans must be stamped by Planning & Development Department for COA compliance prior to submitting for building or sign permits. Any revisions to the approved project scope may require a new COA.

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D NA

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NA - not applicable

D - does not satisfy

APPROVAL CRITERIA

ALTERATIONS, REHABILITATIONS, RESTORATIONS AND ADDITIONS

Sec. 33-241: HAHC shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, restoration or addition of an exterior feature of (i) any landmark, (ii) protected landmark, (iii) any building, structure or object that is part of an archaeological site, or (iv) contributing building in a historic district upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

S - satisfies

	\boxtimes		(1)	The proposed activity must retain and preserve the historical character of the property;
\boxtimes			(2)	The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use;
			(3)	The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance; The siding and windows the applicant has installed are indicative of any contemporary home constructed today and are not in keeping with the original, historical style of the home.
			(4)	The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment; <i>Applicant has removed the original shake siding and a triple set of jalousie windows. The original window opening size was not preserved. The replacement windows are not the same pattern as what was replaced or any other of the original windows on the structure.</i>
			(5)	The proposed activity must maintain or replicate distinctive stylistic exterior features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize the building, structure, object or site; <i>Applicant has removed the original shake siding and a triple set of jalousie windows. The original window opening size was not preserved. The replacement windows are not the same pattern as what was replaced or any other of the original windows on the structure.</i>
			(6)	New materials to be used for any exterior feature excluding what is visible from public alleys must be visually compatible with, but not necessarily the same as, the materials being replaced in form, design, texture, dimension and scale; <i>Applicant has removed the original shake siding and a triple set of jalousie windows. The original window opening size was not preserved. The replacement windows are not the same pattern as what was replaced or any other of the original windows on the structure.</i>
			(7)	The proposed replacement of exterior features, if any, should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by available historical, physical or pictorial evidence, where that evidence is available, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other structures; <i>Applicant has removed the original shake siding and a triple set of jalousie windows. The original window opening size was not preserved. The replacement windows are not the same pattern as what was replaced or any other of the original windows on the structure.</i>
		\boxtimes	(8)	Proposed additions or alterations must be done in a manner that, if removed in the future, would leave unimpaired the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object or site;
			(9)	The proposed design for any exterior alterations or addition must not destroy significant historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural material, including but not limited to siding, windows, doors and porch elements; Applicant has removed the original shake siding and a triple set of jalousie windows. The original window opening size was not preserved. The replacement windows are not the same pattern as what was replaced or any other of the original windows on the structure.

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	\boxtimes	(10)	The proposed alteration or addition must be compatible with the massing, size, scale material and character of the property and the context area; and
	\boxtimes	(11)	The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance to the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area.

PROPERTY LOCATION

NAME OF HISTORIC DISTRICT



Contributing Non-Contributing

7/24/2020

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INVENTORY PHOTO







Please see Attachments for additional images.

April 23, 2020 HAHC Unofficial Transcript of discussion of Item D10

7603 Wilmerdean Street - Glenbrook Valley Historic District (GBV)

Roman McAllen:

This is a contributing traditional ranch residence circa 1957. There was work done without a permit, if we can just go forward Inventory photo. The work that was done is there between the connector between the garage and the main house. There were some jalouse windows there. There was a triple set between that space I believe; the siding you see there would have been cedar shake siding which you will see in the next image. This project like the next one - unfortunately with COVID, we were scheduled to go and meet with the civic club and start our education effort. We haven't started it yet. This is a good image to rest on. There is the cedar shake common to ranch homes. I find as a preservation person for the city of Houston given this very large neighborhood, I think I don't want these people to do the wrong thing; you have a recommendation of denial of the COA [Certificate of Appropriateness] and approval of the COR [Certificate of Remediation]. With the doubling of the permit fee-- which is what should happen if someone works without a permit. This would allow the individual to keep these inappropriate windows and inappropriate siding in this space. I talked with commissioner Collum about these and I will follow up with these people ask them, please, not to continue any more alterations around the structure. What I'm asking for here is denial of the COA and a recommendation of the COR for the work as completed and a doubling of the fee. I have one other image or two here if Amanda could go forward. You see the work if we had obviously if someone asked us about this I could see that being conditioned space it would be hard to live with jalouse windows, but if we were going to recommended something here we would recommend it would be a triple set of windows to fit within the same openings, but that would have been up to you all, obviously, that's not where we are.

Chair Boesel: Alright thank you, any questions or comments?

Commissioner Collum: Where the jalouse windows are that is not a connector to the garage; that is the house behind there. With the COR that means they don't have to change the windows there at least the they can leave it like that they don't have to have the same configuration which is the 1/1.

Chair Boesel: Roman?

Roman McAllen: Yes, Commissioner Collum, denial of COA issuance of COR would basically be allowing them to leave the windows as installed and siding as installed. It is not the best scenario by any stretch.

Commissioner Collum: Ok, we're taking these individually, Wilmerdean and Dillon, separately, right?

Roman McAllen: Correct

Commissioner McNiel: Commissioner McNiel

Chair Boesel: Commissioner McNiel, go ahead

Commissioner McNiel: I would make a motion that we would deny the COA and issue a COR where they have to remove those two windows and put in two single hung 2/2 mill finish aluminum windows that match the other windows on the house. We have many times in the past as a commission requested homeowners who have illegally put in incorrect windows in their building to take them out and put in

correct windows and the more we continue allow GBV to get away putting in inappropriate windows they will no longer have any historic material left in this neighborhood.

Chair Boesel: Alright we have a motion to replace the windows with single pane 1/1, did I get that right?

Commissioner Collum: I'll second that

Commissioner McNiel: Single hung 2/2 is the light pattern on the front of the house horizontal light divisions, for me I'm not married to single pane or double pane they can go to mill guard and get a 2/2 horizontal light single hung mill finished window

Chair Boesel: Ok, 2/2. And Commissioner Collum seconds the motion

Commissioner Collum: Yes

Chair Boesel: Is there any discussion? Unmute your mics please for the vote, all in favor

All: Ayes

Chair Boesel: All opposed (no response)? Any abstentions (no response)? Motion carries unanimously thank you. We'll move to 7711 Dillon Street

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

(A recording of the full proceedings is on file in the Planning and Development Department)

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Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams https://bit.ly/2KmXtOd 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair Arrived at 3:13 p.m. during Chair's Report

Jose Aranda, Jr. Absent

Steven Curry Ann Collum John Cosgrove

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush Stephen McNiel Urmila Srinivasan Charles Stava

Beth Wiedower Jackson

Dominic Yap

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Executive Secretary

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel commented about remote virtual meeting procedures and the 25th anniversary of the Historic Preservation ordinance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown commented about virtual meetings and the importance of the 2020 Census.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2020 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the February 27, 2020 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: Wiedower Jackson Second: Stava Vote: Carried Abstaining: Yap,

Cosgrove, Collum

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE VALENTINE HOUSE AT 1980 DECATUR STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77007

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Stava, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for the Valentine House at 1980 Decatur Street, Houston, Texas 77007 with the amendment of name Valentine be omitted. Motion carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE LULAC COUNCIL 60 CLUBHOUSE AT 3004 BAGBY STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS, 77006

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for the Lulac Council 60 Clubhouse at 3004 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas, 77006. Motion carried unanimously. Speaker: Sehila Casper – supportive.

C. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF NON-DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR 616 WEST 20^{TH} STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS, 77008.

Motion made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to approve the Certificate of Non-Designation application for 616 West 20TH Street, Houston, Texas, 77008 Motion carried with Commissioners Stava and Yap abstaining.

D. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to consider items **D-2**, **D-3**, **D-4**, **D-5**, **D-9 D-12**, **D-14**, **D-15**, **D-16**, **D-17**, **D-18** and **D-22** together and accept staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

- D-2. 1615 North Boulevard Alteration Addition Boulevard Oaks Approval
- D-3. 1615 North Boulevard New Construction Garage Boulevard Oaks Approval
- D-4. 117 Payne St. Alteration Addition Germantown Approval
- D-5. 503 E 16th St. Revision Windows/Roof/Garage Houston Heights East Approval
- D-9. 1217 W Dallas St. Alteration Exterior Features/Gate/Landscaping PLM Founders Memorial Cemetery Approval
- D-12. 600 Avondale St. New Construction Garage Avondale West Approval

- D-14. 1002 W Temple St. Demolition Garage Norhill Approval
- D-15. 1002 W Temple St. New Construction Garage Norhill Approval
- D-16. 1135 E 11th St. Alteration Storefront Norhill Approval
- D-17. 615 Euclid St. Alteration Addition Woodland Heights Approval
- D-18. 615 Euclid St. New Construction Garage Woodland Heights Approval
- D-22. 4901 N Main St. New Construction Commercial Bldg Norhill Approval

D-1. 610 Avondale St. - Alteration - Windows/Roof - Avondale West

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-1 with the condition that the bathroom window frame and sill on the east elevation opening be maintained. The new brick pattern shall include a vertical soldier course to frame the window, and horizontal infill to delineate the prior window area. Maintain sill. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Rebecca Reed, applicant – supportive.

D-6. 426 Harvard St. - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-6. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap abstaining.

D-7. 517 Harvard St. - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-7 as submitted by the applicant, based on it being a non-contributing home. Motion carried with Commissioner Koush and Stava opposing. Speakers: Nicole Lowenstein, applicant and Toufic Halabi – supportive.

D-8. 2018 Kane St. - Alteration - Addition, siding - Old Sixth Ward Approval

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-8 as submitted by the applicant with the condition that the applicant preserve the 2 windows, brick and sill. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speakers: Dandi Johnson, Jason Johnson, owners/applicants and Marissa Janusz, architect – supportive.

D-10. 7603 Wilmerdean St. - Alteration-Windows - Glenbrook Valley

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-10 and issue a Certificate of Remediation for the replacement windows. Final detailing to be approved by preservation office staff for the work. Motion carried unanimously.

D-11. 7710 Dillon St. - Alteration - Windows - Glenbrook Valley

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-11 and issue a Certificate of Remediation for the replacement of the historic siding, with the condition that inappropriate infill on the front porch is removed. Final detailing to be approved by preservation office staff for the work. Motion carried unanimously.

D-13. 1128 Arlington St. - Alteration - Addition, Foundation - Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to defer the application for item D-13. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Palmer Schooley, owner/applicant – supportive.

D-19. 1512 North Boulevard - New Construction - Residence - Boulevard Oaks

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to approve the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-19 as submitted by the applicant. Motion carried with roll call vote: Jones, Srinivasan, Wiedower Jackson, Cosgrove, McNiel, and Collum voting in support; Bucek, Curry, Koush, Stava and Yap voting in opposition to the motion.

Speakers: Demetrios Anaipakos, owner/applicant and Megan Gaydou, architect – supportive.

D-20. 1413 Columbia St. Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-20 as submitted by the applicant. Motion carried unanimously.

D-21. 1977 W Gray St. - Alteration - Storefront LM - River Oaks Shopping Center

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-21. Motion carried unanimously.

D-23. 732 Arlington St. - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-23. Motion carried unanimously. Speaker: Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC NONE

D. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner Yap, Chair Boesel and Director Wallace Brown thanked everyone for a wonderful job with this first virtual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Minnette Bickel Boesel	Margaret Wallace Brown
Chair	Executive Secretary