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**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

September 18, 2013

HDRC CASE NO: 2013-309
ADDRESS: 4006 Shady Oak
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 13724 BLK 7 LOT 20
HISTORIC DISTRICT: Oak Hills Neighborhood
APPLICANT: Jeanne Marie and Francisco Donaldson 4006 Shady Oak Drive
OWNER: Jeanne Marie and Francisco Donaldson
TYPE OF WORK: Finding of Historic Significance

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Finding of Historic Significance for 4006 Shady Oak in the Oak Hills Neighborhood.

FINDINGS:

- a. The Donaldson House meets more than the three required criteria for landmark designation, as per the UDC Section 35-607.
- b. The house located at 4006 Shady Oak, in the Oak Hills subdivision, was constructed ca. 1960 by architect Rudolph A. Marten. The house is a classic example of Mid-Century modern architecture with International Style influences. The house features a split level plan, with the upper level elevated above a carport, providing panoramic city views from the terrace. The horizontal lines, elevated planes, and placement within the landscape reflect clear influences of Frank Lloyd Wright and the Prairie Style. The house is also reminiscent of Le Corbusier's Villa Savoye, built in 1928 in France, which ushered in the International Style and ultimately influenced Ranch house design and Mid-Century American architecture.
- c. The house is a significant resource within the mid-20th century neighborhood of Oak Hills. Oak Hills was first developed in 1955, and over the course of the following two decades flourished into an upscale suburban neighborhood of ranch style homes, split levels, and contemporary designs. The large, heavily wooded lots, winding streets, and mid-century homes with low pitched roofs and expansive windows reflect the lasting influence of the automobile era of the 1950s and 60s.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a Findings of Historic Significance based on findings a through c.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Approval of a Finding of Historic Significance for 4006 Shady Oak based on findings a through c.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shanon Shea Miller".

Shanon Shea Miller
Historic Preservation Officer