



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

April 16, 2014

HDRC CASE NO: 2014-121

ADDRESS: 1704 San Fernando

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 6016 BLK A LOT 3 & W 15 FT OF 2

APPLICANT: Office of Historic Preservation 1901 S Alamo

OWNER: Robert Silva

TYPE OF WORK: Finding of Historic Significance

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Finding of Historic Significance for the property at 1704 San Fernando

FINDINGS:

- a. The house at 1704 San Fernando was constructed sometime between 1912 and 1915. The lot where the house stands is vacant in the 1912 Sanborn map, but the address appears in the 1916 City Directory but no occupant is listed. The house first appears on the Sanborn maps in 1951. This house was most likely a duplex, as the City Directory of 1918 indicates that J.A. & Jane Littleton and J.T. & Felicitas Rodriguez were indicated as living at this address as renters. The façade appears to have had two entrances, a further indication that the house served as a multi-family structure.
- b. This house appears to have been constructed as a simple Bungalow/ Craftsman style residence, with wood siding and a standing seam metal hipped/ pyramidal roof which was common on earlier houses of this style. The porch is now supported by simple classical columns. It is unclear whether or not they were the original supports, as these would not have been typical of this style.
- c. This house was most likely built as a rental property and is typical of those found in the working class neighborhoods of San Antonio.
- d. This property meets more than the three required criteria for landmark designation (cited above), as per UDC Section 35-607(b).
- e. The Office of Historic Preservation is the applicant for this request. The Code Enforcement Division intends to forward a recommendation for demolition to the Building Standards Board.

A Finding of Historic Significance would be the first step in providing protection for the structures against demolition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a Finding of Historic Significance for 1704 San Fernando based on findings a through d.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Approval of a Finding of Historic Significance for 1704 San Fernando based on findings a through d.

Shanon Shea Miller
Historic Preservation Officer