HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

May 06, 2015 Agenda Item No: 15

HDRC CASE NO: 2015-173

COMMON NAME: S St Mary's at Cesar E Chavez

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 894 BLK LOT B, SW IRR 195 FT OF 2 & PT OF A-1

ZONING: O2-S H HE RIO-4

CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1

DISTRICT: King William Historic District

LANDMARK: Pedro Huizar Park

APPLICANT: Abigail Rodriguez/VIA Metropolitan Transit

OWNER: City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department

TYPE OF WORK: Bus stop relocation

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to:

Relocate a historic bus stop, currently located downtown along Market near S Alamo to the corner of S St Mary's and Cesar E Chavez.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

UDC Sec. 35-613. Relocation of a Landmark or Property Located in a Historic District. (a)In considering whether to recommend approval or disapproval of a certificate application to relocate a building, object or structure designated a historic landmark or located in a historic district, the historic and design review commission shall be guided by the following considerations:

- (1) The historic character and aesthetic interest the building, structure or object contributes to its present setting:
- (2) Whether there are definite plans for the area to be vacated and what the effect of those plans on the character of the surrounding area will be;
- (3) Whether the building, structure, or object can be moved without significant damage to its physical integrity;
- (4) Whether the proposed relocation area is compatible with the historical and architectural character of the building, object, or structure.
- (5)Balancing the contribution of the property to the character of the historic district with the special merit of the application.

(b)Should an application to relocate a building, object or

structure be approved, the historic preservation officer shall ensure that the new location is already zoned historic or shall review whether such location should be designated.

(c)The historic preservation officer may approve applications for relocation for properties deemed noncontributing to the historic character of a historic district.

FINDINGS:

- a. VIA has proposed to improve accessibility to bus stop #19397 and place a patron shelter at the location. VIA has coordinated with the City of San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department and members of the King William Association on the proposed relocation of the historic bus shelter from downtown to the King William Historic District.
- b. In accordance with UDC Section 35-613(a), when considering whether to recommend approval or disapproval of a certificate of appropriateness to relocate a building located in a historic district, the Historic and Design Review Commission shall be guided by the following considerations:
 - (1) The historic character and aesthetic interest the building, structure or object contributes to its present setting; While not original to the King William Historic District in itself, the bus stops that has been proposed to be relocated is of a style that is seen throughout Downtown San Antonio as well as other urban commercial corridors that feature historic elements. Staff considers the bus stop contributing.

- (2) Whether there are definite plans for the area to be vacated and what the effect of those plans on the character of the surrounding area will be; The current location of the bus stop is an active sidewalk at the corner of Market and S Alamo that will not be negatively impacted with the removal of the bus shelter. The bus shelter, at this location is not in use.
- (3) Whether the building, structure, or object can be moved without significant damage to its physical integrity; The applicant has indicated that the bus shelter will be fully relocated and utilized at its new location.
- (4) Whether the proposed relocation area is compatible with the historical and architectural character of the building, object, or structure; Staff finds that various bus shelters throughout downtown San Antonio share this particular style, regardless of their specific district or location. Their unique design allows their placement in various locations.
- (5)Balancing the contribution of the property to the character of the historic district with the special merit of the application; Staff finds that the relocation of this historic bus shelter is not only appropriate, but is recommended due to it being utilized in this new location.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval as submitted based on findings a and b.

CASE MANAGER:

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Shelter in downtown; to be relocated (Market street near S Alamo)





Bus stop #19397 S St Marys bet Cesar Chavez & King William





