## HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

July 15, 2015 Agenda Item No: 21

HDRC CASE NO:	<b>2015-268</b>
ADDRESS:	123 MAY
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NCB 1373 BLK 1 LOT 18 19 E 27 FT OF 17
ZONING:	RM4 H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.:	2
DISTRICT:	Dignowity Hill Historic District
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APPLICANT:	Loren Drum
OWNER:	Christina Vidal, Carlos Vidal
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct detached storage/shop outbuilding

### **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to construct a 32ftx40ft shop/storage building. The proposed building will be single story timber frame construction with a loft. The structure will be clad in cedar planks finished in natural color and will have wood windows.

### **APPLICABLE CITATIONS:**

5. Garages and Outbuildings

## A. DESIGN AND CHARACTER

i. *Massing and form*—Design new garages and outbuildings to be visually subordinate to the principal historic structure in terms of their height, massing, and form.

ii. *Building size* – New outbuildings should be no larger in plan than 40 percent of the principal historic structure footprint.

iii. *Character*—Relate new garages and outbuildings to the period of construction of the principal building on the lot through the use of complementary materials and simplified architectural details.

iv. *Windows and doors*—Design window and door openings to be similar to those found on historic garages or outbuildings in the district or on the principle historic structure in terms of their spacing and proportions.

v. *Garage doors*—Incorporate garage doors with similar proportions and materials as those traditionally found in the district.

#### **B. SETBACKS AND ORIENTATION**

i. *Orientation*—Match the predominant garage orientation found along the block. Do not introduce front-loaded garages or garages attached to the primary structure on blocks where rear or alley-loaded garages were historically used.

ii. *Setbacks*—Follow historic setback pattern of similar structures along the streetscape or district for new garages and outbuildings. Historic garages and outbuildings are most typically located at the rear of the lot, behind the principal building. In some instances, historic setbacks are not consistent with UDC requirements and a variance may be required.

#### Unified Development Code, Sec. 35-451, Certificate of Appropriateness

(h) **Scope of Approval.** A certificate of appropriateness shall authorize only those modifications to a building or structure requested in the application and approved as provided herein. The historic and design review commission shall recommend approval, denial, or approval with conditions for the application before it, unless said application is revised with the consent of the applicant. Following commission approval of final design, defined as eighty (80) percent working drawings, and issuance of a certificate, an applicant must secure permits within one hundred eighty (180) days and start work within one hundred eighty (180) days of issuance of permits or the certificate becomes null and void and of no force or effect. Thereafter, the applicant must reapply for reissuance of a certificate to the historic preservation officer. The historic preservation officer will determine whether significant changes have occurred to the final design. If the historic preservation officer determines that significant changes have occurred, then plans must be resubmitted to the commission for rehearing and action.

### FINDINGS:

a. The case was heard by the HDRC on July 1, 2015, at that time it was referred to the Design Review Committee.

The DRC reviewed the project on July 7, 2015, at that time the Committee noted the accessory structure may be large but due to its location on the site, it would not overwhelm the main house. However, the Committee was concerned with the scale of the two story accessory building and its relationship to the one story houses along Goodloe Alley. The DRC recommended the applicant provide more information on the context.

- b. The property is currently subdivided in multiple lots. The only existing structure is the house at 117 May. The existing house is built in the Minimal Traditional style with a low pitch hip roof, deep overhangs, and plank siding.
- c. Consistent with the Guidelines for New Construction, new outbuildings should be visually subordinate to the principal historic structure in terms of height, massing and form. The proposed structure will be taller and appear larger than the main house; however it will be located on the opposite side of the property which will reduce the appearance of height compared to the main house. Although the proposed garage will be surrounded by mostly vacant lots, the existing adjacent structures are one and one-half story houses along Goodloe Alley and across May Street. Due to its location on the site and surrounding context, additional height may be appropriate.
- d. According to the Guidelines for New Construction, new garages should relate to the period of construction of the principal building on the lot through the use of complementary materials and simplified architectural details. The proposed structure does not relate to the Minimal Traditional style of the main house in roof form, pitch, and overhang dimension which is not consistent with the guidelines.
- e. As recommended by the Guidelines for New Construction, windows and door openings should be similar to those found on historic garages or outbuildings in the district or on the principle historic structure in terms of their spacing and proportions. The proposed design is consistent with the guidelines.
- f. According to the Guidelines for New Construction, the predominant garage orientation found along the block should be matched. There are no other garages on May Street and a predominant pattern along the block does not exist. The proposed orientation is consistent with the guidelines.
- g. Consistent with the Guidelines for New Construction, the historic setback pattern of similar structures along the streetscape or district should be followed. Historic garages and outbuildings are most typically located at the rear of the lot, behind the principal building. The proposed garage will be located on the front yard of the property and will align with the front of the main structure which is not consistent with the guidelines.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff does not recommend final approval at this time based on findings a-g. Staff recommends the following:

- a. New structure should relate to style and period of construction of the main house
- b. Reduce height to be more consistent with surrounding structures
- c. Garage should be located towards the rear of the property behind the main house.
- d. Additional information including window specifications, foundation type, and dimensioned site plan is submitted for review so that drawings demonstrate 80% completion as required by the UDC.

### **CASE COMMENTS:**

If approved, the applicant will be re-platting to combine the multiple lots prior to construction.

## **CASE MANAGER:**

Adriana Ziga





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# View of Goodloe Alley at May



# View of May St. at Goodloe Alley





# 117 May - Main House





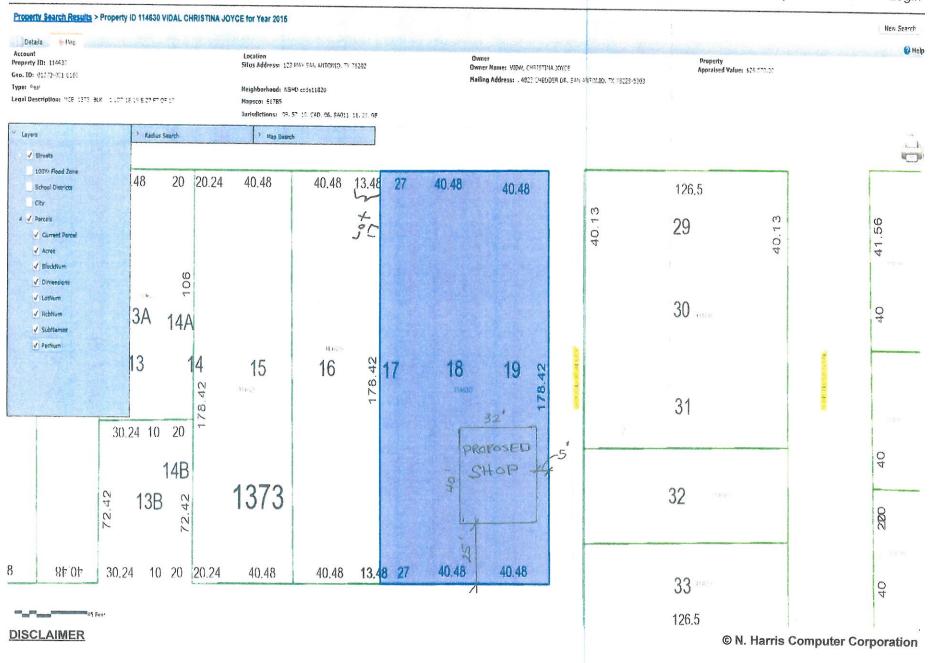
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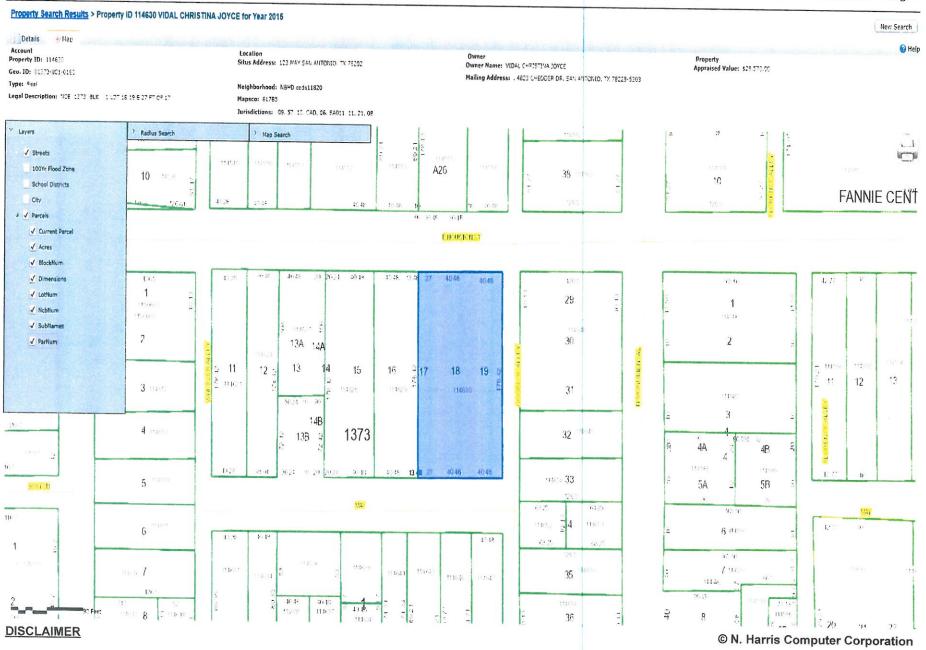
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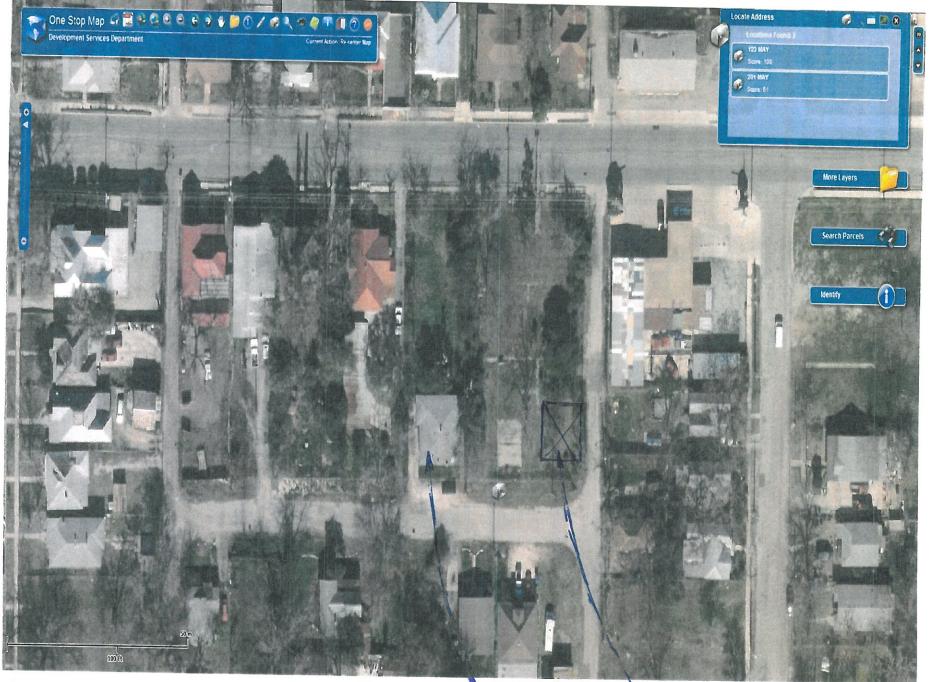


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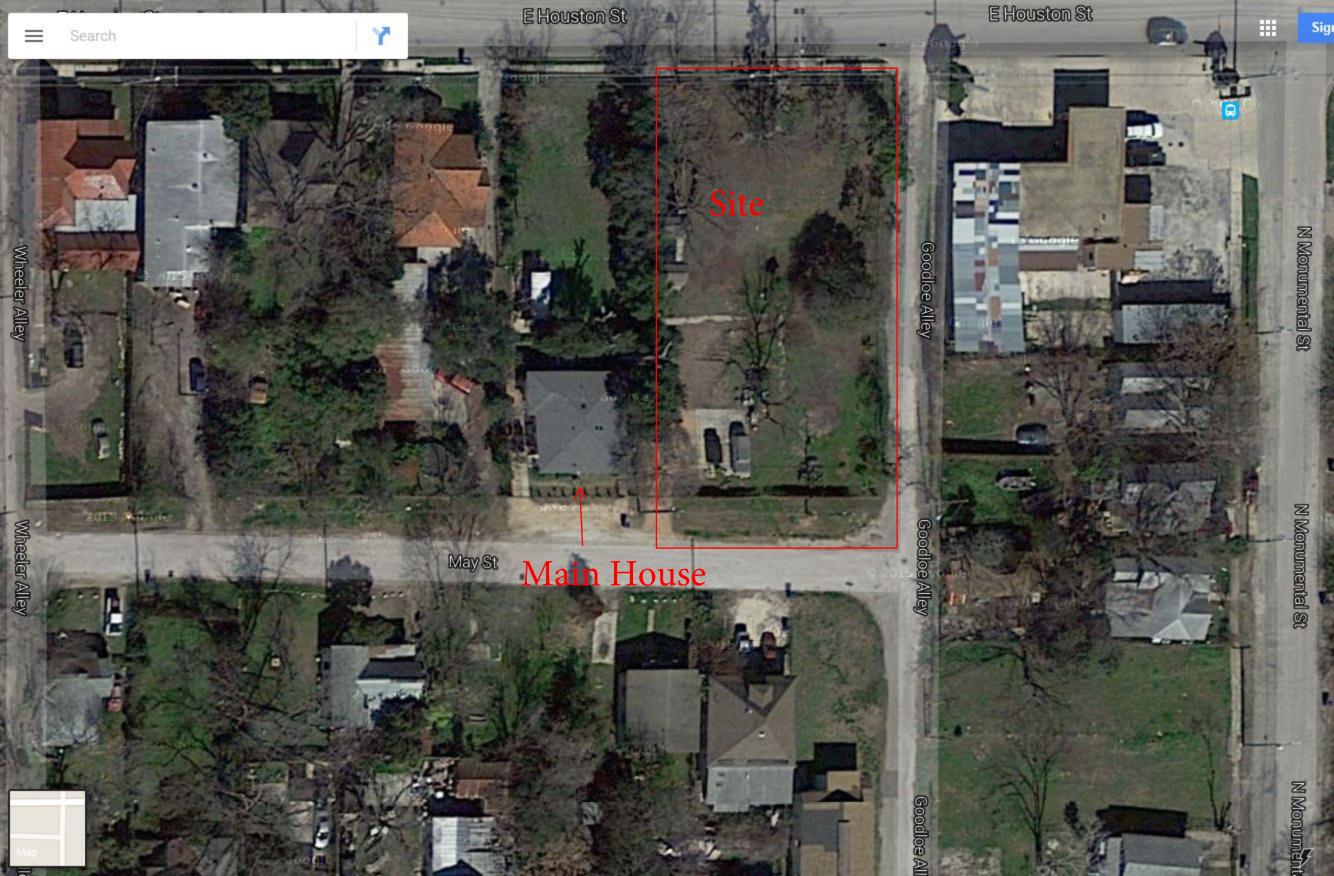
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# GARAGES & HOBBY BARNS



TRADITIONAL WOOD BARNS

