HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

September 16, 2015 Agenda Item No: 15

HDRC CASE NO:	2015-297
ADDRESS:	202 LAVACA ST
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NCB 713 BLK 10 LOT 9
ZONING:	RM4 H HE
CITY COUNCIL DIST.:	1
DISTRICT:	Lavaca Historic District
LANDMARK:	Vinck House
APPLICANT:	R Berrier
OWNER:	R Berrier
TYPE OF WORK:	Attached rear addition
REQUEST:	

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to demolish an existing, non contributing shed attached to the rear of the existing structure to construct a 432 square foot, two story addition.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 3, Guidelines for Additions

1. Massing and Form of Residential Additions

A. GENERAL

i. Minimize visual impact—Site residential additions at the side or rear of the building whenever possible to minimize views of the addition from the public right-of-way. An addition to the front of a building would be inappropriate. *ii. Historic context*—Design new residential additions to be in keeping with the existing, historic context of the block. For example, a large, two-story addition on a block comprised of single-story homes would not be appropriate. *iii. Similar roof form*—Utilize a similar roof pitch, form, overhang, and orientation as the historic structure for additions. *iv. Transitions between old and new*—Utilize a setback or recessed area and a small change in detailing at the seam of the historic structure and new addition to provide a clear visual distinction between old and new building forms.

B. SCALE, MASSING, AND FORM

i. Subordinate to principal facade—Design residential additions, including porches and balconies, to be subordinate to the principal façade of the original structure in terms of their scale and mass.

ii. Rooftop additions—Limit rooftop additions to rear facades to preserve the historic scale and form of the building from the street level and minimize visibility from the public right-of-way. Full-floor second story additions that obscure the form of the original structure are not appropriate.

iii. Dormers—Ensure dormers are compatible in size, scale, proportion, placement, and detail with the style of the house. Locate dormers only on non-primary facades (those not facing the public right-of-way) if not historically found within the district.

iv. Footprint—The building footprint should respond to the size of the lot. An appropriate yard to building ratio should be maintained for consistency within historic districts. Residential additions should not be so large as to double the existing building footprint, regardless of lot size.

v. Height—Generally, the height of new additions should be consistent with the height of the existing structure. The maximum height of new additions should be determined by examining the line-of-sight or visibility from the street. Addition height should never be so contrasting as to overwhelm or distract from the existing structure.

2. Massing and Form of Non-Residential and Mixed-Use Additions

A. GENERAL

i. Historic context—Design new additions to be in keeping with the existing, historic context of the block. For example, additions should not fundamentally alter the scale and character of the block when viewed from the public right-of-way.

ii. Preferred location—Place additions at the side or rear of the building whenever possible to minimize the visual impact on the original structure from the public right of way. An addition to the front of a building is inappropriate.

iii. Similar roof form—Utilize a similar roof pitch, form, and orientation as the principal structure for additions, particularly for those that are visible from the public right-of-way.

iv. Subordinate to principal facade—Design additions to historic buildings to be subordinate to the principal façade of the original structure in terms of their scale and mass.

v. Transitions between old and new—Distinguish additions as new without distracting from the original structure. For example, rooftop additions should be appropriately set back to minimize visibility from the public right-of-way. For side or rear additions utilize setbacks, a small change in detailing, or a recessed area at the seam of the historic structure and new addition to provide a clear visual distinction between old and new building forms.

B. SCALE, MASSING, AND FORM

i. Height—Limit the height of side or rear additions to the height of the original structure. Limit the height of rooftop additions to no more than 40 percent of the height of original structure.

ii. Total addition footprint—New additions should never result in the doubling of the historic building footprint. Full-floor rooftop additions that obscure the form of the original structure are not appropriate.

3. Materials and Textures

A. COMPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

i. Complementary materials—Use materials that match in type, color, and texture and include an offset or reveal to distinguish the addition from the historic structure whenever possible. Any new materials introduced to the site as a result of an addition must be compatible with the architectural style and materials of the original structure.

ii. Metal roofs—Construct new metal roofs in a similar fashion as historic metal roofs. Refer to the Guidelines for Alternations and Maintenance section for additional specifications regarding metal roofs.

iii. Other roofing materials—Match original roofs in terms of form and materials. For example, when adding on to a building with a clay tile roof, the addition should have a roof that is clay tile, synthetic clay tile, or a material that appears similar in color and dimension to the existing clay tile.

B. INAPPROPRIATE MATERIALS

i. Imitation or synthetic materials—Do not use imitation or synthetic materials, such as vinyl siding, brick or simulated stone veneer, plastic, or other materials not compatible with the architectural style and materials of the original structure.

C. REUSE OF HISTORIC MATERIALS

i. Salvage—Salvage and reuse historic materials, where possible, that will be covered or removed as a result of an addition.

4. Architectural Details

A. GENERAL

i. Historic context—Design additions to reflect their time while respecting the historic context. Consider characterdefining features and details of the original structure in the design of additions. These architectural details include roof form, porches, porticos, cornices, lintels, arches, quoins, chimneys, projecting bays, and the shapes of window and door openings.

ii. Architectural details—Incorporate architectural details that are in keeping with the architectural style of the original structure. Details should be simple in design and compliment the character of the original structure. Architectural details that are more ornate or elaborate than those found on the original structure should not be used to avoid drawing undue attention to the addition.

iii. Contemporary interpretations—Consider integrating contemporary interpretations of traditional designs and details for additions. Use of contemporary window moldings and door surroundings, for example, can provide visual interest while helping to convey the fact.

FINDINGS:

- a. This request was heard by the Historic and Design Review Commission on August 5, 2015, where it was referred to the Design Review Committee. On August 25, 2015, the Design Review Committee noted that the applicant's updated documents provided much more detail and a better understanding of the project.
- b. The applicant has proposed to demolish an existing, non original storage shed located at the rear of a previous addition to the primary structure at 202 Lavaca in order to construct a new addition. Staff finds that the demolition of the non contributing storage shed is appropriate.
- c. The Guidelines for Additions 1.A. states that residential additions should be sited at the side or rear of the primary historic structure whenever possible, that views of the addition should be limited from the public right of way and that additions should be designed to be in keeping with the historic context of the block all while featuring a transition between the original structure and the addition. The applicant has proposed to site the addition to the rear of the original structure, has proposed materials and a roof form that are similar to those of the original structure. This is consistent with the Guidelines.
- d. In regards to scale, massing and form, residential additions should be designed to be subordinate to the principal façade of the original structure, should feature a footprint that responds to the size of the lot and should feature a height that is consistent with the original structure. The proposed addition features a footprint of 288 square feet featuring a second level of 144 square feet. Currently, the lot at 202 Lavaca features a single story historic structure and an existing two story addition. Regarding massing and height, staff finds that examples are present both on this lot and throughout this portion of Lavaca for two story additions. Staff finds the applicant's request appropriate.
- e. The applicant has proposed materials consisting of board and batten siding and a standing seam metal roof to match the original structure. This is consistent with the Guidelines for Additions 3.A.
- f. The applicant has proposed a wood door as well as wood windows for the proposed addition. Staff finds that the proposal of both a wood door and wood windows appropriate.
- g. According to the Guidelines for Additions 4.A.i., additions should be designed to reflect their time while respecting the historic context of the block and the architectural style of the original structure. The applicant has proposed an addition that appears to be consistent with the Guidelines for Additions, and has noted various contemporary interpretations including contemporary window openings that match existing window openings added in a previous addition.
- h. Currently, the applicant has proposed for the west facing façade to be primarily void of window openings. The applicant has proposed one window in the southwest corner, however, staff has concerns regarding the lack of window openings along this wall. Staff recommends that the applicant propose additional window openings to be consistent with the Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval based on findings a through g with the following stipulation:

i. That the applicant address the lack of traditional window openings on the second floor addition on the west façade as well as provide staff with adequate construction documents, also required in acquiring a building permit from Development Services prior to receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness.

CASE MANAGER:

Edward Hall





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8/28/2015

I apologize, my submission requires a narrative.

The architectural renderings I have provided are rudimentary. They are intended to show the form of what I will build and hope it relates to the existing house.

The historical structure faces Lavaca Street. The proposed addition attaches not to the historical structure, but to existing additions at the rear. None of the proposed addition can be seen from the Lavaca façade of the historical structure. Moreover, a six foot privacy fence partial conceals the existing additions and will similarly conceal the proposed addition. The proposed addition is visible from the street, and from a parking area of the adjacent property.

Showing the proposed addition in form only requires that I provide an indication of the detail. The windows will match the existing Marvin wood windows used in the existing addition, as will the door. The proposed addition will match the board and baton cedar, and the ultra-pure white coloration.

I would note that I am delighted by the design, which is best depicted in the floor plan, which effectively utilizes the 288 SF on each floor. And by the exterior which in simplicity is eloquent.

The new building provides a wall, which will be used for art, creating the courtyard within which my pool is located, and in which my family entertains.







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WOOD ULTIMATE DOUBLE HUNG 1-5/8" PICTURE UNIT

ENERGY DATA	U-Factor	SHGC	VT	CR	ENERGY STAR®
11/16" Insulating Glass Air	0.44	0.58	0.61	45	
11/16" Insulating Glass Air LoĒ-180™	0.32	0.51	0.58	56	N
11/16" Insulating Glass Argon LoE-180™	0.28	0.51	0.58	60	N
11/16" Insulating Glass LoĒ ² -272® Air	0.31	0.31	0.53	57	NC
11/16" Insulating Glass LoE ² -272® Argon	0.28	0.31	0.53	61	N, NC
11/16" Insulating Glass Lodz 366® Air	0.31	0.21	0.48	57	NC, SC, S
11/16" Insulating Glass LoĒ ³ 366® Argon	0.27	0.20	0.48	61	N, NC, SC, S

WOOD ULTIMATE DOUBLE HUNG 2" PICTURE UNIT

ENERGY DATA	U-Factor	SHGC	VT	CR	ENERGY STAR
1" Insulating Glass Air	0.43	0.55	0.60	46	
1° Insulating Glass Air LoÊ-180™	0.31	0.49	0.57	57	N
1" Insulating Glass Argon LoĒ-180 [™]	0.28	0.49	0.57	61	N
1" Insulating Glass LoĒ ² -272® Air	0.31	0.30	0.52	57	NC, SC
1" Insulating Glass LoĒ ² -272® Argon	0.27	0.30	0.52	61	N, NC, SC
1" Insulating Glass LoĒ ³ 366 [®] Air	0.30	0.20	0.47	58	N, NC, SC, S
1" Insulating Glass LoĒ ³ 366® Argon	0.27	0.20	0.47	61	N, NC, SC, S
1° Tripane LoĒ-180™ Argon LoĒ-180™	0.21	0.41	0.51	71	N
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CONSTRUCTION DETAILS



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NOTES:

• 2" Picture Sash shown, 15/8" also available.

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WOOD ULTIMATE AWNING/PUSH OUT AWNING









View from adjacent property thest



Most visible from Street





View starth Lavaca Str.



View from street East.





drain



vew from alley The addition to be constructed on right where childen coop's. North EAST Not visible from Street. Blue Stred world be demolished to allow addition.



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION	Historic and Design Review Commission Design Review Committee Report & Recommendation
DATE: 8/26/2015	HDRC Case#_1015 - 197
ADDRESS: JOL LAVALA	Meeting Location: 1901 S ALAMD
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DRC Members present: MIC	HAEL CONNOR, MICHAEL WARINO, PAT AIGIOVANNI
Staff present: EAWARA H	ALL
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