HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

January 20, 2016

Agenda Item No: 10

HDRC CASE NO: ADDRESS: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ZONING: CITY COUNCIL DIST.: DISTRICT: APPLICANT: OWNER:	2016-025 224 E CAROLINA ST NCB 2956 BLK 0 LOT A RM4 H 1 Lavaca Historic District Ramon Torres/Turn Key Pros
APPLICANT:	Ramon Torres/Turn Key Pros
OWNER:	Rodney Anderson
TYPE OF WORK:	Construction of a rear porch

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to reconstruct the front porch at 224 E Carolina and restore all existing wood windows. At this time, the entire porch foundation, one column and small portion of the roof structure exist.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 2, Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations

6. Architectural Features: Doors, Windows, and Screens

A. MAINTENANCE (PRESERVATION)

i. Openings—Preserve existing window and door openings. Avoid enlarging or diminishing to fit stock sizes or air conditioning units. Avoid filling in historic door or window openings. Avoid creating new primary entrances or window openings on the primary façade or where visible from the public right-of-way.

ii. Doors—Preserve historic doors including hardware, fanlights, sidelights, pilasters, and entablatures.

iii. Windows—Preserve historic windows. When glass is broken, the color and clarity of replacement glass should match the original historic glass.

iv. Screens and shutters-Preserve historic window screens and shutters.

v. Storm windows—Install full-view storm windows on the interior of windows for improved energy efficiency. Storm window may be installed on the exterior so long as the visual impact is minimal and original architectural details are not obscured.

7. Architectural Features: Porches, Balconies, and Porte-Cocheres

A. MAINTENANCE (PRESERVATION)

i. Existing porches, balconies, and porte-cocheres—Preserve porches, balconies, and porte-cocheres. Do not add new porches, balconies, or porte-cocheres where not historically present.

ii. Balusters—Preserve existing balusters. When replacement is necessary, replace in-kind when possible or with balusters that match the originals in terms of materials, spacing, profile, dimension, finish, and height of the railing.

iii. Floors—Preserve original wood or concrete porch floors. Do not cover original porch floors of wood or concrete with carpet, tile, or other materials unless they were used historically.

B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

i. Front porches—Refrain from enclosing front porches. Approved screen panels should be simple in design as to not change the character of the structure or the historic fabric.

ii. Side and rear porches—Refrain from enclosing side and rear porches, particularly when connected to the main porch or balcony. Original architectural details should not be obscured by any screening or enclosure materials. Alterations to side and rear porches should result in a space that functions, and is visually interpreted as, a porch.

iii. Replacement—Replace in-kind porches, balconies, porte-cocheres, and related elements, such as ceilings, floors, and columns, when such features are deteriorated beyond repair. When in-kind replacement is not feasible, the design should be compatible in scale, massing, and detail while materials should match in color, texture, dimensions, and finish.

iv. Adding elements—Design replacement elements, such as stairs, to be simple so as to not distract from the historic character of the building. Do not add new elements and details that create a false historic appearance. *v. Reconstruction*—Reconstruct porches, balconies, and porte-cocheres based on accurate evidence of the original, such as photographs. If no such evidence exists, the design should be based on the architectural style of the building and historic patterns.

FINDINGS:

- a. The structure at 224 E Carolina was constructed circa 1900 and is a foursquare with Italianate architectural features. On the street facing façade, the applicant has proposed to reconstruct a partially demolished double height front porch of which one double height column, the existing foundation and partial roof structure remain.
- According to the Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations 2.B.v., porches and balconies should be reconstructed based on architectural evidence of the original, such as photographs or remaining architectural details. The applicant has proposed to construct three columns to match the existing one to be evenly spaced on the front façade, restore the dental molding and middle fascia. This is consistent with the Guidelines.
- c. On the lower and upper levels of the proposed reconstructed porch, the applicant has proposed to install porch railing. While there is no evidence that this specific structure featured railing on the bottom level, staff finds this proposal architecturally and historically appropriate.
- d. The applicant has noted that all existing wood sash windows will be restored. This is consistent with the Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations 6.A.iii., which recommends the preservation of all historic windows.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval as submitted based on findings a through d.

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