

## HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

June 15, 2016

### Agenda Item No: 14

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2016-211  
**ADDRESS:** 529 MASON ST  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 1263 BLK 2 LOT 15  
**ZONING:** R6 H  
**CITY COUNCIL DIST.:** 2  
**DISTRICT:** Government Hill Historic District  
**APPLICANT:** Cristina Noriega  
**OWNER:** Cristina Noriega  
**TYPE OF WORK:** Porch column replacement  
**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace the five existing wrought iron columns with four fiberglass columns. An additional half column will be located at the location where the porch meets the front façade of the primary historic structure.

#### APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

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

#### B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

*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.

#### FINDINGS:

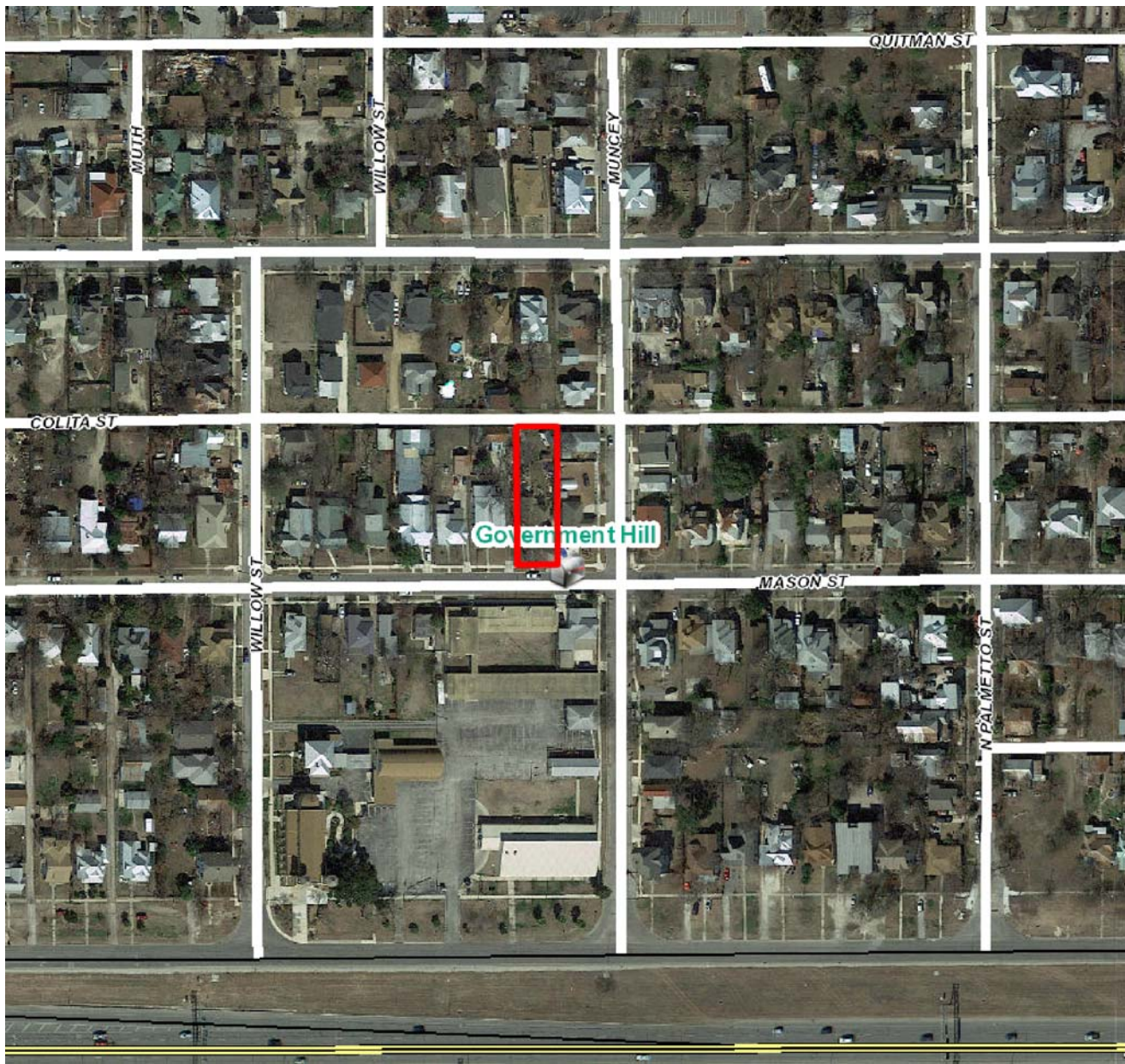
- a. The structure at 529 Mason was constructed circa 1910 and features elements of the Folk Victorian style, most prominently the front gable and wing. The applicant has proposed to remove the five existing, non-original wrought iron front porch columns and replace them with four circular, fiberglass columns. An additional half column will be located at the location where the porch meets the front façade of the primary historic structure.
- b. According to the Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations, replacement elements of porches, such as columns, should be compatible in scale, massing, detail and materials as the original elements of the structure. The applicant has proposed circular, fiberglass replacements columns, which architecturally are not appropriate for a Folk Victorian style house. Folk Victorian style houses commonly feature square columns with little to no ornate detailing. Staff finds the applicant's proposal of circular, fiberglass columns inappropriate in design and materials. Staff recommends the applicant propose square, wood columns similar to examples provided by staff.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the applicant's modified proposal of square columns with the stipulation that the applicant add chamfered corners.

#### CASE MANAGER:

Edward Hall



## Flex Viewer

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Drawing depicts installation  
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on square base, secured  
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## Updated Design



1/2 column flush  
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new wood ~~column~~  
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on square base, secured  
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column is a 6"x6"  
post