# HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION 

August 03, 2016
Agenda Item No: 9

## HDRC CASE NO: <br> ADDRESS: <br> LEGAL DESCRIPTION: <br> ZONING: <br> CITY COUNCIL DIST.: <br> LANDMARK: <br> APPLICANT: <br> OWNER: <br> TYPE OF WORK: <br> REQUEST:

## 2016-293

1403 N ST MARYS
NCB 849 BLK 14 LOT 8 (CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS BSL REPLAT) FBZ SD RIO-2
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Central Catholic High School
Nick de la Garza/De La Garza Fence \& Supply
Central Catholic High School
Fencing

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install fencing at 1403 N St Mary 's. The proposed fencing is to span from the historic structure at N St Mary's and Augusta, across Augusta and then south along the public right of way on N St Mary's where it will enclose an existing surface parking lot that is bordered by Augusta and N St Mary's.

## APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

## UDC Section 35-673 - Site Design Standards

(h) Site Walls and Fences. Site walls and fences are used to help divide spaces, screen unsightly objects and provide privacy. However, the character of the San Antonio River is such that walls shall not be erected in such a way as to block views of the river from public spaces.
(1) Use of Site Walls to Define Outdoor Spaces.
A. Use of low scale walls (twenty-four (24) inches to forty-eight (48) inches) to divide space, create a variety in landscaping and define edges is permitted.
B. Solid walls (up to seventy-two (72) inches) are permitted to: screen mechanical equipment, garbage receptacles and other unsightly areas; and provide privacy at the back of lots up to the front building face.
(2) Site Wall and Fence Materials.
A. On properties abutting the river, site walls and fence materials may be constructed of: stone, block, tile, stucco, wrought iron, tubular steel, welded wire or a combination of masonry and metal, cedar posts and welded wire or garden loop or other materials having similar characteristics. All other properties, not abutting the river may use the above listed materials plus wood fencing.
B. All chain link fences are prohibited for properties abutting the river. For properties that do not abut the river chain link is only allowed in the rear yard if not readily visible from the right-of-way. Barbed wire, razor wire, and concertina are prohibited in all RIO districts

## FINDINGS:

a. The applicant has proposed to install fencing that is to span fifty-five (55) feet from the historic structure at N St Mary's and August, across Augusta where it is to span approximately fifty (50) feet and then south along the public right of way on N St Mary's for approximately 205 feet where it will enclose a surface parking lot that is bordered by Augusta, N St Marys and Providence Catholic School. The applicant has proposed an overall height of six (6) feet for the entire fence and has proposed materials consisting of coated steel. OHP Staff verified with Zoning Staff that this section of right of way has been closed and that fencing across this street is appropriate.
b. Per the UDC Section 35-673 (h), site walls and fences are to be used to help divide spaces, screen unsightly objects and provide privacy. Additionally, solid walls of up to six (6) feet in height are permitted to screen mechanical equipment, garbage equipment, and other unsightly areas and to provide privacy at the back of lots. The applicant has proposed a fence of six feet in height that proposes to enclose private property from the public right of way. Staff finds the applicant's proposed height appropriate and consistent with the Guidelines.
c. The applicant has proposed fencing materials consisting of coated steel which is consistent with the UDC Section

35-673(h)(2)(A).

## RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval based on findings a through c with the stipulation that the fence be coated in a black or dark gray color.

## CASE MANAGER:

Edward Hall

## CASE COMMENT:

The final construction height of an approved fence may not exceed the maximum height as approved by the HDRC at any portion of the fence. Additionally, all fences must be permitted and meet the development standards outlined in UDC Section 35-514


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## Flex Viewer











