HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

November 02, 2016 Agenda Item No: 12

HDRC CASE NO: 2016-422

ADDRESS: 418 VILLITA ST

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 130 ALL OF BLK

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CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1

DISTRICT: La Villita Historic District LANDMARK: Weaving Building / Bolivar Hall

APPLICANT: Sue Ann Pemberton/Mainstreet Architects Inc.

OWNER: City of San Antonio

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of primary entrance steps at building #2

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install primary entrance steps on the existing porch at building #2.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

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

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 applicant has proposed to construct primary entrance steps and a landing on the porch of Building #2 at La Villita. The applicant has proposed for the new steps and landing to be a total of 9' 4 ¼' in length and a total of 3' 9 ½" in width. The total width of the historic porch is 4' 4 ½". The total height of the proposed steps and landing is 1' 1 ½" with a total guardrail height of 4' 2" above grade. The applicant has proposed 2x6 inch porch decking and 2x2 guardrail posts.
- b. According to the Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations 7.B.iv., new elements such as stairs should be designed to be simple as to not distract from the historic character of the building. The applicant has proposed that the landing, steps and guard rail to be oriented in a manner that is parallel with the front façade of the historic structure. Staff finds that the front entry landing, steps and guardrail are currently proposed in a manner that is not consistent with the Guidelines. Staff finds that the proposed orientation distracts from the design of the original porch.
- c. ARCHAEOLOGY- The development project shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations regarding archaeology.

RECOMMENDATION:

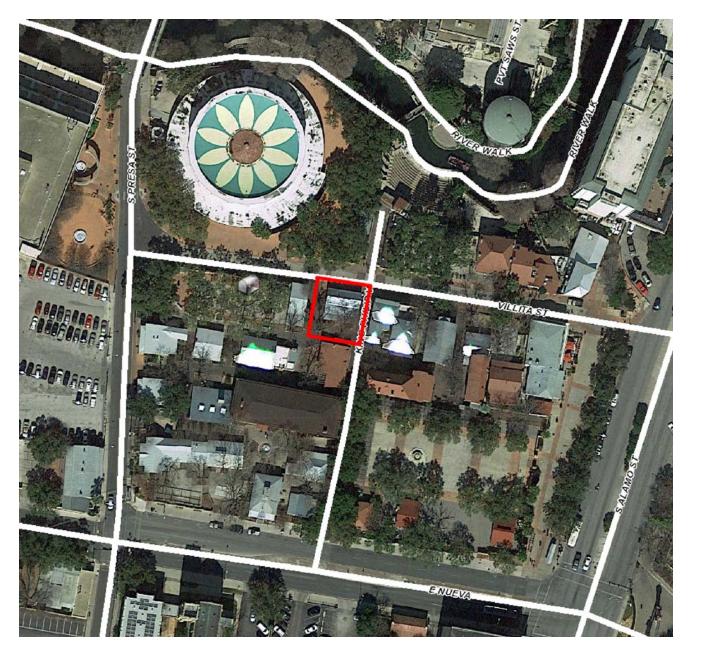
Staff does not recommend approval based on finding b. Staff recommends the applicant redesign the front porch in a manner that does not include the construction of steps and a landing that span approximately 9 feet of the historic façade. Staff finds that the front entry landing, steps and guardrail are currently proposed in a manner that is not consistent with the Guidelines.

CASE MANAGER:

Edward Hall

CASE COMMENT:

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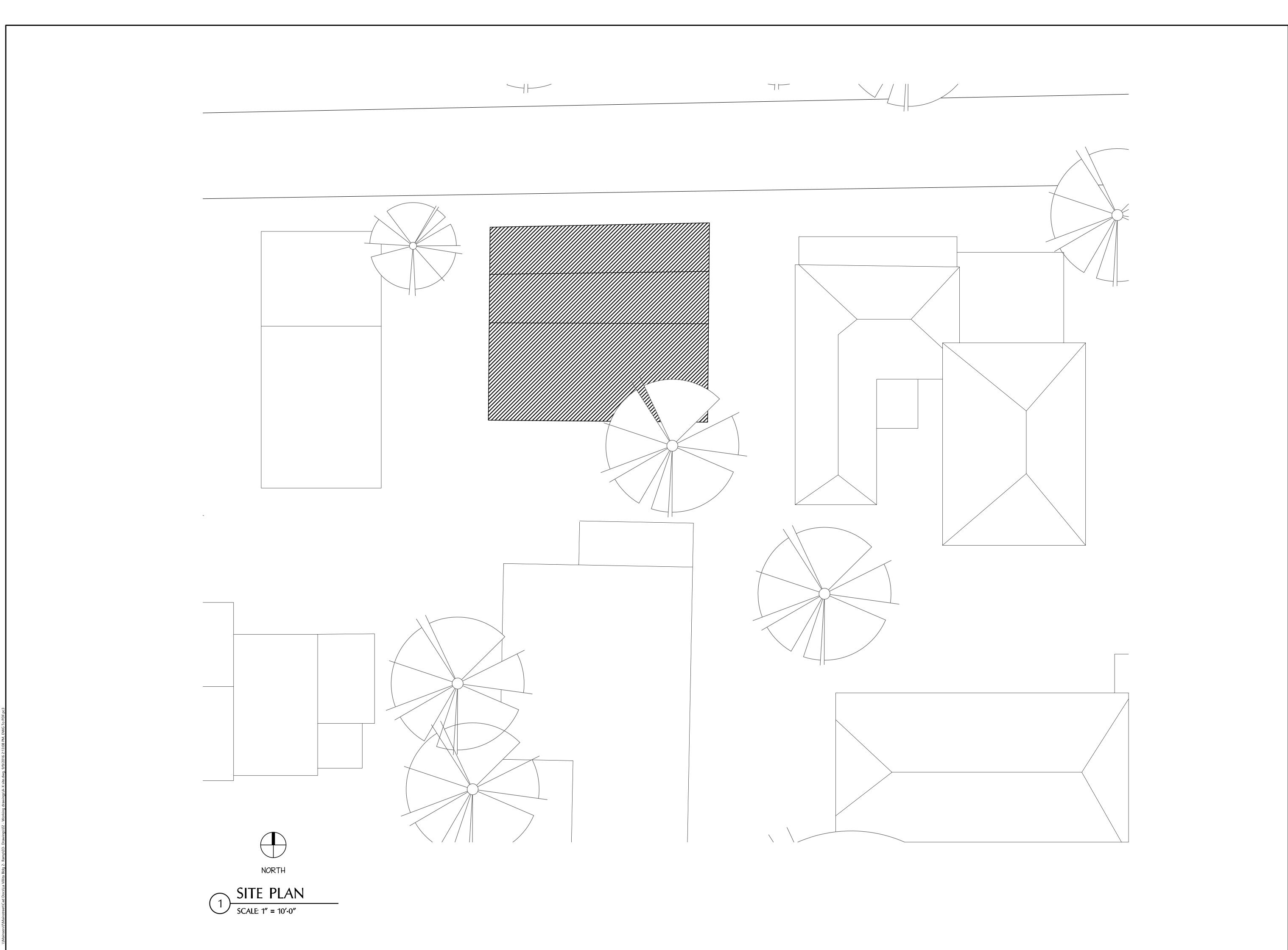




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Construct steps leading to the primary entrance of house #2 in the La Villita Historic District. Steps are intended to be reversible.

Steps to be wood frame with 2 x 6 members, horizontal wood decking.

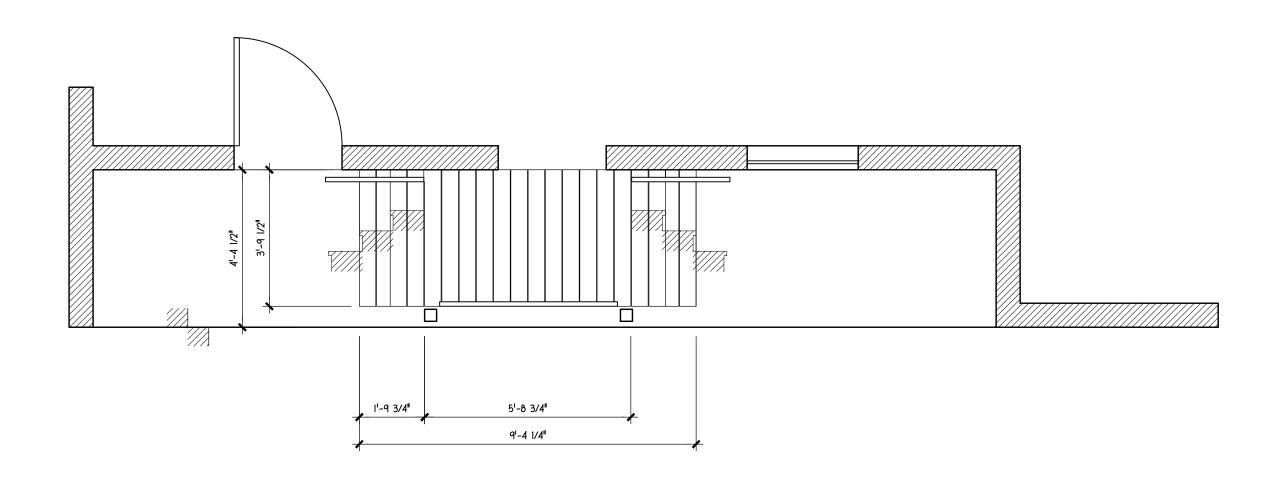


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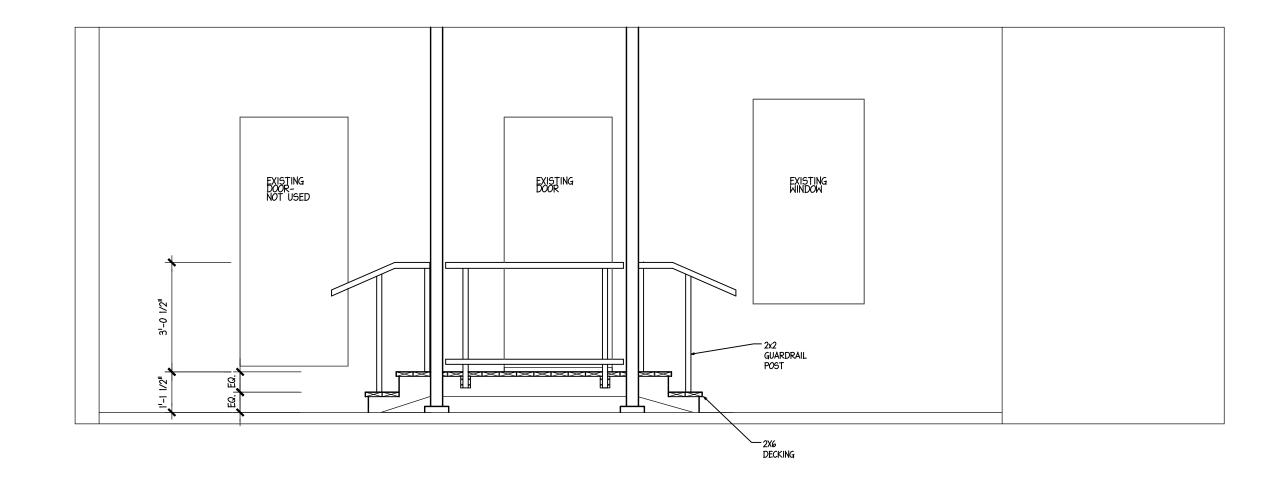
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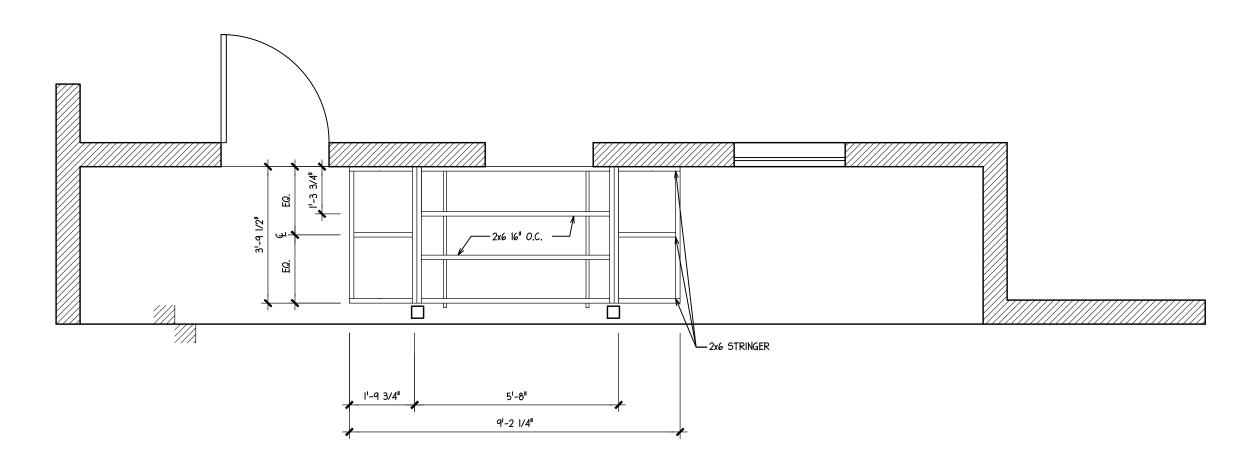
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2 STEPS PLAN SCALE: 3/8" = 1'-0"



STEPS ELEVATION SCALE: 3/8" = 1'-0"

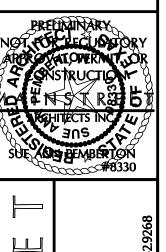


STEPS FRAMING PLAN SCALE: 3/8" = 1'-0"





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