HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION February 15, 2017

HDRC CASE NO: 2017-045

ADDRESS: 410 DEVINE ST

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 2958 BLK 2 LOT 50

ZONING: RM-4,HS

CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1

DISTRICT: Lavaca Historic District

LANDMARK: Fuezell House **APPLICANT:** William Faulkner

OWNER: William & Stephanie Faulkner
TYPE OF WORK: Installation of front yard fencing

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install front yard fencing at 410 Devine. The applicant has proposed to install a transparent welded wire fence to feature four (4) feet in height along the public right of way fronting Devine Street.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 5, Guidelines for Site Elements

2. Fences and Walls

B. NEW FENCES AND WALLS

i. Design—New fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. Design of fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure. ii. Location—Avoid installing a fence or wall in a location where one did not historically exist, particularly within the front yard. The appropriateness of a front yard fence or wall is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences or wall should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. iii. Height—Limit the height of new fences and walls within the front yard to a maximum of four feet. The appropriateness of a front yard fence is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. If a taller fence or wall existed historically, additional height may be considered. The height of a new retaining wall should not exceed the height of the slope it retains.

- iv. Prohibited materials—Do not use exposed concrete masonry units (CMU), Keystone or similar interlocking retaining wall systems, concrete block, vinyl fencing, or chain link fencing.
- v. Appropriate materials—Construct new fences or walls of materials similar to fence materials historically used in the district. Select materials that are similar in scale, texture, color, and form as those historically used in the district, and that are compatible with the main structure. Screening incompatible uses—Review alternative fence heights and materials for appropriateness where residential properties are adjacent to commercial or other potentially incompatible uses.

FINDINGS:

- a. The historic structure at 410 Devine is located within the Lavaca Historic District on a block of Devine Street that commonly features front yard fencing. The applicant has proposed to install a front yard fence that features transparent welded wire and four feet in height. Additionally, the applicant has proposed two fencing options; option one which includes log posts and option two which includes square fence posts.
- b. Per the Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B., new fences should appear similar to those found throughout the district in terms of their scale, transparency and character. The Lavaca Historic District features front yard fencing featuring varying designs and materials. Staff finds the installation of a welded wire fence with square posts to feature four (4) feet in height consistent with the example found throughout the district and the Guidelines.
- c. As noted in finding one, the applicant has proposed two fencing options. Option one features round cedar logs. Option two features square cedar posts. Staff finds the installation of option two, the square cedar posts appropriate and consistent with the Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

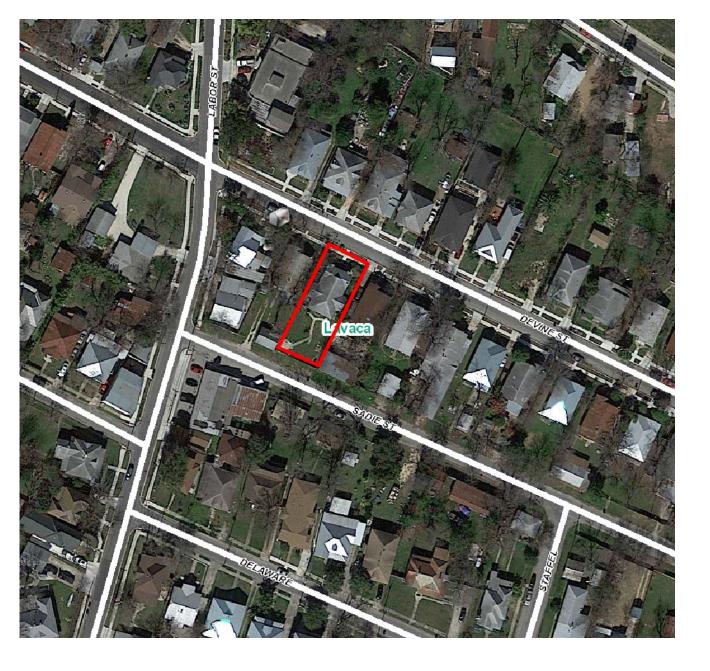
Staff recommends approval based on findings a through c with the stipulation that square fence posts are installed.

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.



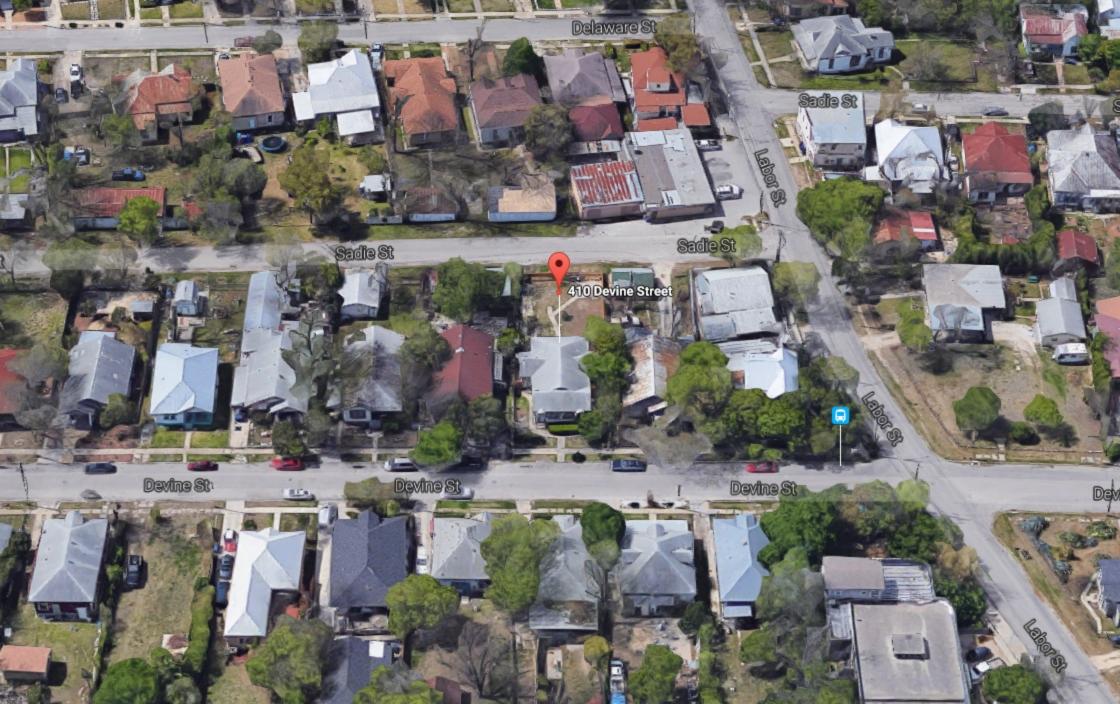


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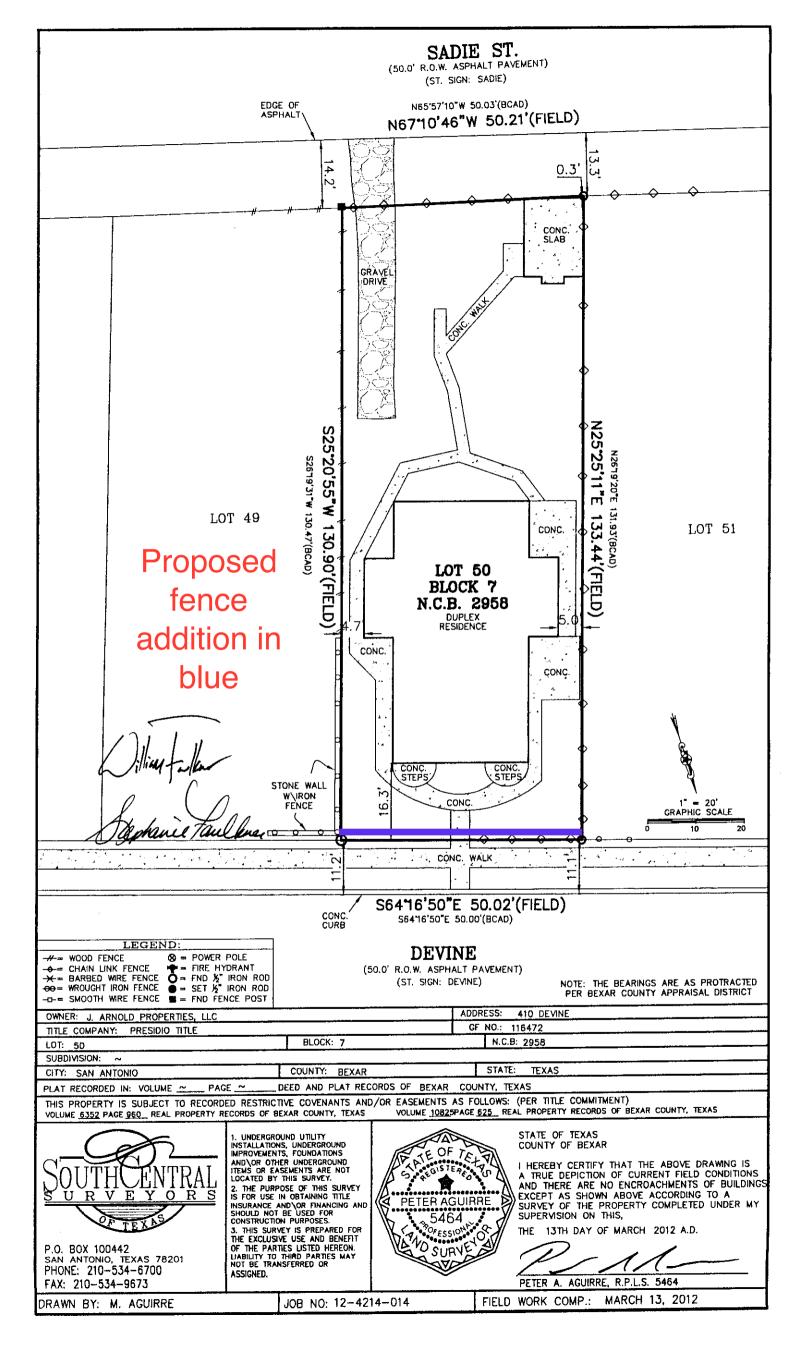
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Proposed Materials:

These are just examples and the final product will be installed at 4' high



or

squared cedar post w/out bark & alternate style of fence

