

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

August 02, 2017

HDRC CASE NO: 2017-366
ADDRESS: 1919 W GRAMERCY PLACE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 1931 BLK 38 LOT 6
ZONING: R-6 H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 7
DISTRICT: Monticello Park Historic District
APPLICANT: Kathy Schroeder
OWNER: Kathy Schroeder
TYPE OF WORK: Removal of existing shingle roof and installation of standing seam metal
REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace the existing composition shingle roof with a new standing seam metal roof on the primary structure.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

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

3. Materials: Roofs

B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

- ii. Roof form—Preserve the original shape, line, pitch, and overhang of historic roofs when replacement is necessary.
- iii. Roof features—Preserve and repair distinctive roof features such as cornices, parapets, dormers, open eaves with exposed rafters and decorative or plain rafter tails, flared eaves or decorative purlins, and brackets with shaped ends.
- vi. Materials: metal roofs—Use metal roofs on structures that historically had a metal roof or where a metal roof is appropriate for the style or construction period. Refer to Checklist for Metal Roofs on page 10 for desired metal roof specifications when considering a new metal roof. New metal roofs that adhere to these guidelines can be approved administratively as long as documentation can be provided that shows that the home has historically had a metal roof.

FINDINGS:

- a. The property located at 1919 is a 1-story single family home constructed circa 1930 in the Tudor Revival style. The home features several quintessential elements of the style, including a cross gable configuration with steep roof pitches, decorative half-timbering in the front and side gables, and a gabled entry with arched doorway. The home is a contributing structure in the Monticello Park Historic District. The applicant is requesting approval to replace an existing composition shingle roof with a new standing seam metal roof.
- b. Site-formed metal and metal panels were a widely used roofing material in San Antonio in the late 19th century following the arrival of the railroad. Desired for its low maintenance and durability, it was often applied directly over cedar shake or other existing roofing materials. It continued to be a common roofing material for homes through the early part of the 20th century until factory-produced asphalt shingle products became widely available. By the 1920's, asphalt shingles were a popular roofing material due to its fire resistance, ability to be customized in regards to color and shape, and relatively low costs of manufacturing and transportation. Often marketed as being able to mimic the appearance of slate tile roofs, asphalt shingles were a popular roofing material for Tudor Revival Style homes throughout the 20th century.
- c. According to Sanborn Maps, homes in the Monticello Park Historic District were originally constructed with asphalt, clay barrel tile, or cementitious tile roofs. There does not appear to be a historic precedent for metal roofs in this area except in limited uses specific to front porch stoops on very few homes.
- d. Staff performed a windshield survey of the surrounding blocks within the Monticello Park Historic District on July 27, 2017, to determine if many of the roofs in the area had been replaced with standing seam metal. On W

Gramercy Place, between cross streets Lake Blvd and N Elmendorf St, two roofs have been replaced with standing seam metal. Photos of these homes are included in the exhibits. Overall in the district, approximately 20 of over 1,200 homes feature a roof replacement.

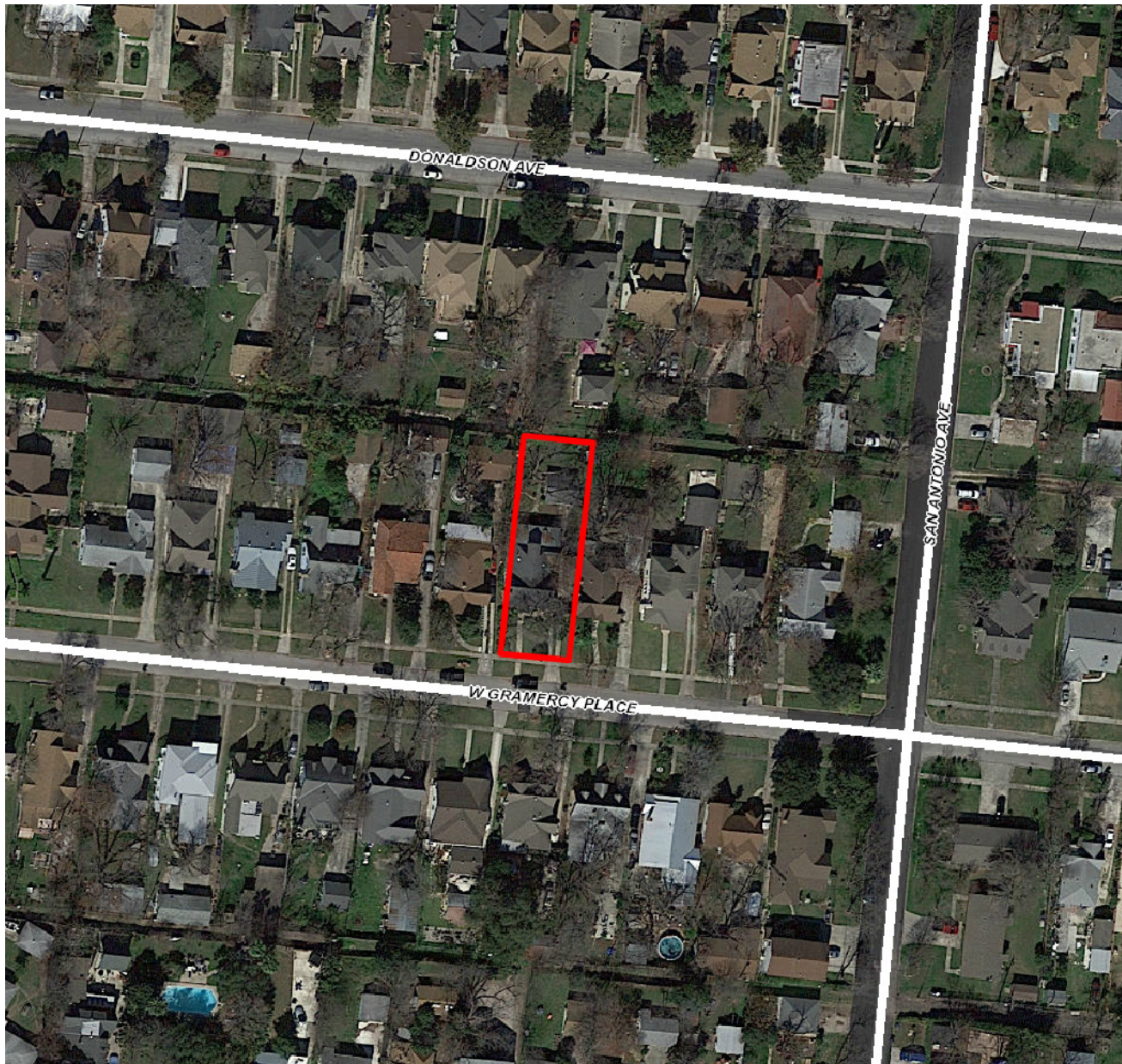
- e. In general, the proliferation of the Tudor Revival Style in the United States represents a movement which rejects industrialization in favor of a more hand-crafted aesthetic. Tudor Revival homes, such as the one at 1919 W Gramercy Place, often featured intricate detailing and local material. Roofs were typically shingled (usually with wood, slate or composition shingles).
- f. According to the Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations 3.B.vi., metal roofs should only be installed on structures that historically had a metal roof or where a metal roof is appropriate for the style or construction period. Staff finds that a metal roof is not appropriate for this style of house or within the context of the Monticello Park Historic District, regardless of whether this application of materials is regionally popular.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend approval based on findings a through f. Staff recommends that an in-kind replacement of asphalt shingles be installed. If metal is desired by the applicant for its lifespan, then staff recommends a metal product that mimics the appearance of traditional shingles based on finding e.

CASE MANAGER:

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1919 West
Gramercy Place

Mariachi Agua Clara

Little Caesar's



CITY of SAN ANTONIO
NOTICE of HEARING
HISTORIC & DESIGN
REVIEW COMMISSION

ADDRESS: 1919 W. S. KAMLET PLACE

REQUEST: SHED REPLACEMENT, TRIMMED TO STANDARD
LEAN ROOF

HEARING DATE: AUGUST 2, 2017 Time: 3:00 PM
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1919





METAL ROOF REPLACEMENT ON W GRAMERCY PLACE



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