# HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION 

## August 16, 2017

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

2017-406
303 KING WILLIAM
NCB 742 BLK 1 LOT 4, NE 75.4 FT OF 3 \& E 25.1 FT OF 5
RM-4, HE
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King William Historic District
Stevens / James House
Martin Phipps
Installation of fencing and a planter box in the front yard planting strip and at sidewalk

## REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to:

1. Construct a limestone planter in the front yard planting strip on both King William and Beauregard Streets to feature heights ranging from six to eighteen inches.
2. Install a wrought iron fence outside of the existing property line to feature eighteen inches in height.

## 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 property at 303 King William features the primary historic structure which was constructed circa 1880 and an existing front yard wrought iron fence, which per the provided site plan is located on the property line.
b. FENCING - At the base of the existing front yard fencing and outside of the property line, the applicant has proposed to install an eighteen (18) inch tall wrought iron fence. The proposed fencing would be located in the public right of way; however, there are historic examples of fencing located adjacent to the sidewalk at the public right of way on King William Street and throughout the King William Historic District. Staff finds this installation to be appropriate based on existing, historic examples.
c. PLANTING BOX - In the public planting strip between the sidewalk and streets, the applicant has proposed to construct a limestone planter to feature saw chopped limestone and heights to range from six to eighteen inches in height. As the proposed wrought iron fencing, the proposed limestone planter is proposed to be located within the public right of way. Landscaping materials vary in the planting strips along King William Street; however, there
are no historic examples of raise or walled planting beds in the planting strips. Staff does not find this installation appropriate.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend approval of item \#1, the installation of a limestone planting box within the front planting strip based on finding $c$.

Staff recommends approval of item \#2, the installation of wrought iron fencing based on finding b. The applicant is responsible for meeting any right of way permitting requirements that may apply.

## CASE MANAGER:

## Edward Hall



## Flex Viewer





## Written Narrative

The homeowner, Mr. Martin Phipps, is requesting approval for the installation of a limestone planting edge and an $18^{\prime \prime}$ high wrought iron picket fence outside his home, located in the historic district of King William, on the corner of King William and Beauregard Streets.

The proposed landscaping improvement project is the addition of a limestone planting edge varying from 6 " to 18 " in height in the planting strips between the sidewalk and curb on both street fronts. These planting edges are to avoid existing trees, unless they can adequately be incorporated into the design. The planting area bounded by the planting edges will be planted with Temple Fire bougainvillea, to be hand watered by the owner's landscaping maintenance crew. The project will also include an 18" high wrought iron picket fence between the existing fencing and the outside edge of the sidewalk. Please note attached samples of planting edge installation in sidewalk planting strips within the district.

Mr. Phipps asks to please take into consideration the purpose for improving the landscape outside his home. The overall goal, and ours as designers, is the perseverance and aesthetics of the property.

Sincerely,


Robert Moritz
Senior Associate / Design Lead
DHR Architects

## Specifications of Materials To Be Used

Project Description: Install a limestone planting edge and a wrought iron picket fence

- White and Gold sawed chopped stone (5" thick x $6^{\prime \prime}$ to $22^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times$ Height indicated on elevations
- Compacted base
- Leveling Sand
- Drainage stone
- Fiber expansion joint filler
- Topsoil
- Temple Fire Bougainvillea
- Wrought iron fencing \& components to match existing fence


## Documentation of All Materials, Finishes, and/or Fabrics

Description of Materials: tools needed to build a 6 to 18 inch high stone planting edge and an 18 inch tall wrought iron fence

- Spade or half-moon edger
- Flat shovel
- Measuring tape
- Wooden stakes
- Mason line and line level
- Masonry Saw
- Rubber mallet
- Hand tamper
- Steel rake
- Carpenter's level
- Mason's chisel and maul
- Permeable weed barrier fabric
- Scissors
- Welding torch
- Paint


FRONT VIEW OF SUBJECT PROPERTY





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## MARTIN PHIPPS - 303 KING WILLIAM ST. LANDSCAPE REDESIGN





Other Examples of planting edges within the sidewalk planting strip within the King William Historic District


202 Madison St.


236 King William St.


220 Beauregard - Madison Street side

Other Examples of fences immediately along the outside edge of the sidewalk within the King William Historic District


241 King William St.


419 King William St.


425 King William St.

Types of Plants to be Used (Temple Fire Bougainvillea)


