HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION March 21, 2018

HDRC CASE NO: 2018-119 **ADDRESS:** 120 CEDAR ST NCB 949 BLK SPT OF 3 LOT W 145 FT OF N 65 FT OF 3 OR A25 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ZONING:** MF-33, HS **CITY COUNCIL DIST.:** 1 King William Historic District **DISTRICT:** Wolff. Abraham - House LANDMARK: David Armendariz **APPLICANT:** David Armendariz **OWNER:** Installation of solar panels **TYPE OF WORK: APPLICATION RECEIVED:** March 02, 2018 May 01, 2018 **60-DAY REVIEW:**

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install solar panels on the roof of the primary historic structure.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 3, Guidelines for Additions

6. Designing for Energy Efficiency

C. SOLAR COLLECTORS

i. Location—Locate solar collectors on side or rear roof pitch of the primary historic structure to the maximum extent feasible to minimize visibility from the public right-of-way while maximizing solar access. Alternatively, locate solar collectors on a garage or outbuilding or consider a ground-mount system where solar access to the primary structure is limited.

ii. Mounting (sloped roof surfaces)—Mount solar collectors flush with the surface of a sloped roof. Select collectors that are similar in color to the roof surface to reduce visibility.

iii. Mounting (flat roof surfaces)—Mount solar collectors flush with the surface of a flat roof to the maximum extent feasible. Where solar access limitations preclude a flush mount, locate panels towards the rear of the roof where visibility from the public right-of-way will be minimized.

FINDINGS:

- a. The structure at 120 Cedar Street was constructed circa 1890 and features two stories in height, a stuccoed brick façade, five brick chimneys and both single and double height porches. This structure is first found on the 1896 Sanborn Map. The rear of this lot is adjacent to Bonham Elementary School.
- b. LOCATION The applicant has proposed to install forty (40) solar panels on the roof of the primary historic structure to be located on southern and western roof slopes. The applicant has proposed for the solar panels to be located in seven groupings. The Guidelines for Additions 6.C.i. notes that solar collectors should be located on the side or rear roof pitch of the primary historic structure to the maximum extent feasible to minimize visibility from the public right of way while maximizing solar access. Staff finds the proposed placement of many of the grouping to be appropriate; however, two groupings that include a total of seven solar panels are located on front facing roof slopes and two groupings will be located on prominent roof slopes located in a forward position on side roofs. Additionally, a grouping of four panels is located above a side facing dormer high on the southern roof slope.
- c. LOCATION Staff finds that the two groupings that are located on front facing roof slopes, the two groupings that are located on prominent roof slopes located in a forward position on side roofs and the grouping of four panels that is located above the side dormer should be relocated toward the rear of the structure. Additionally, staff finds that the grouping should be arranged in a manner to limit the overall number of groupings.
- d. PITCH The applicant has not specified a proposed pitch for the panels; however, staff finds that the panels should be mounted flush with the roof to be consistent with the Guidelines for Additions 6.C.ii.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval based on findings a through d with the following stipulations:

- That the groupings noted in finding b that are located in forward positions on the southern roof slope, those that are located on front facing roof slopes and the grouping of four panels above the southern dormer should be relocated to positions toward the rear of the structure to reduce visibility from the public right of way. Additionally, staff recommends that the grouping be arranged in a manner to limit the overall number of groupings.
- ii. That the proposed panels be mounted flush with the existing roof slopes and feature mounting equipment that is comparable in color and finish to the roof.

CASE MANAGER:

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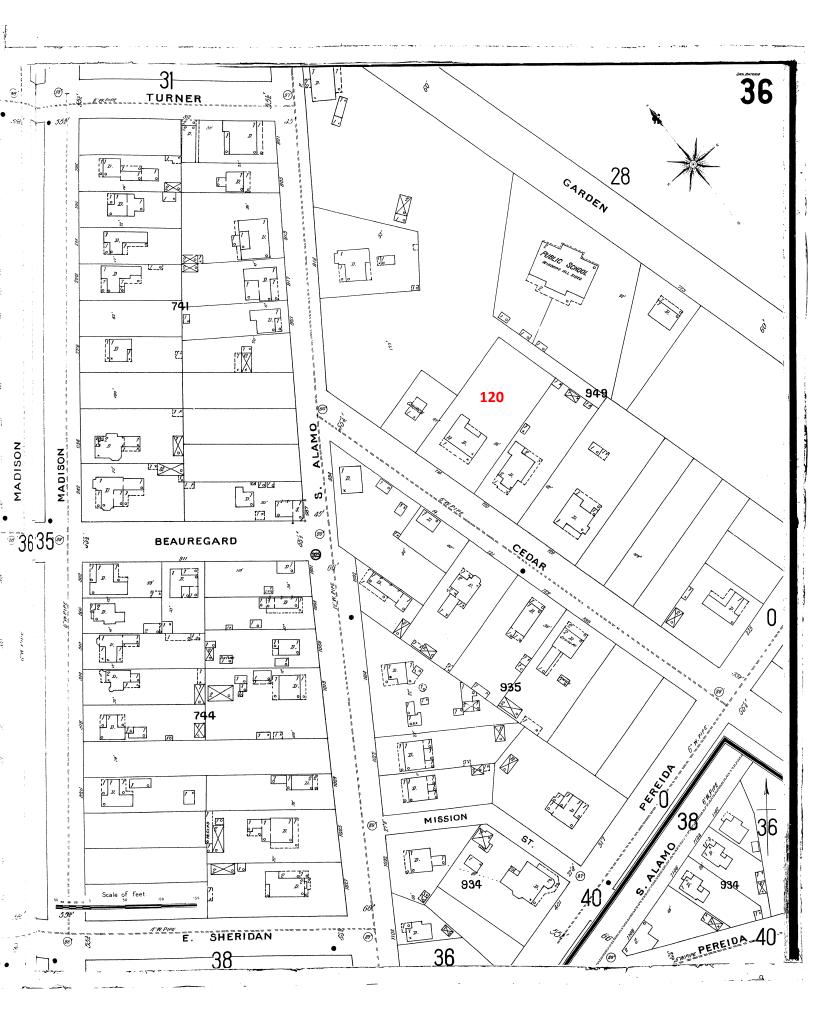
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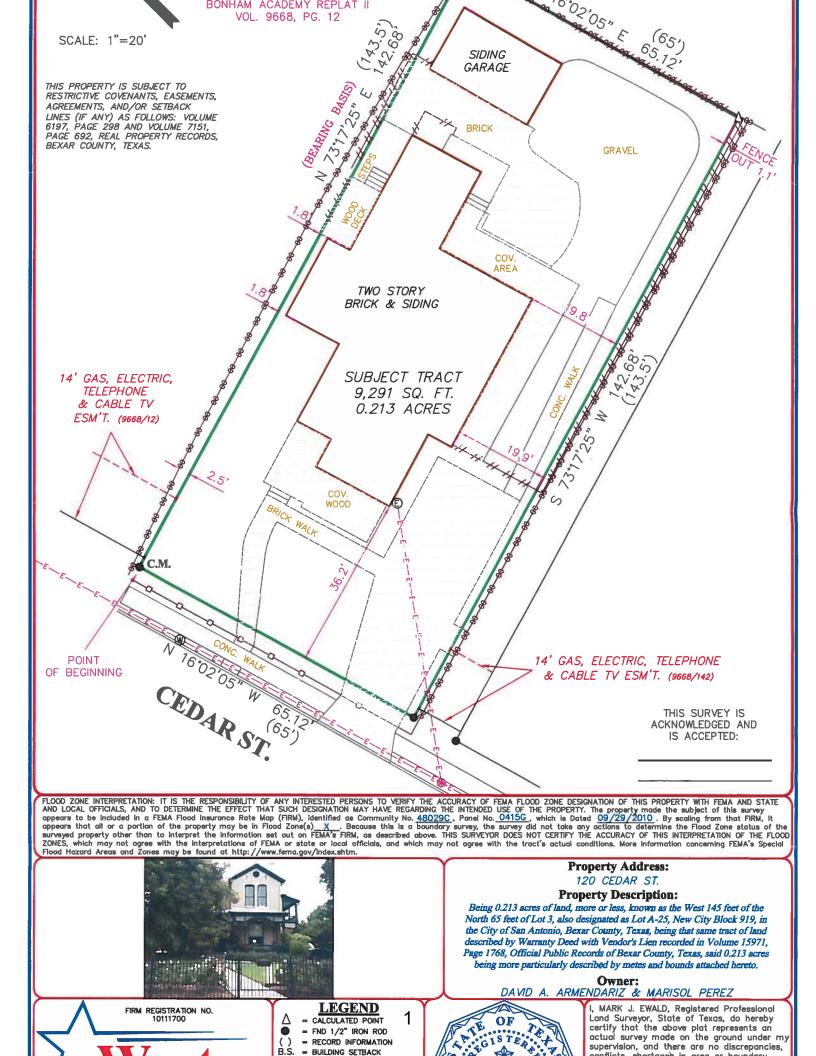
To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept the attached Historic Design Review Commission Application Form and accompanying index as a request to add solar panels to the roof at 120 Cedar St. The intended design and panel placement (Index, pg. 2) is such that the panels should be almost indiscernible from the street.

Regards, David Antón Armendáriz

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